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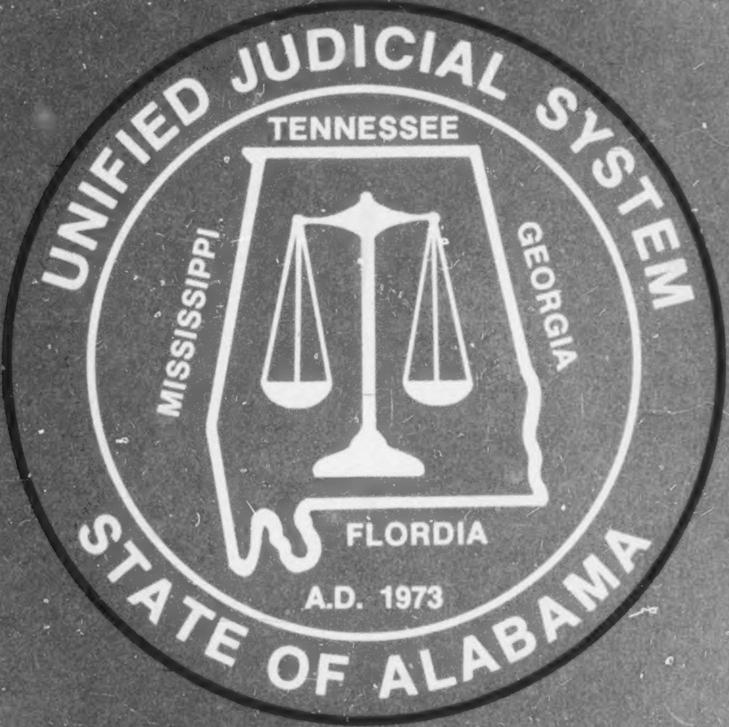
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"A page of history is worth a volume of logic."

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Allen L. Tapley
Administrative Director of Courts

Sonny Hornsby, Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Alabama

The Honorable Sonny Hornsby
Chief Justice
Alabama Supreme Court

Dear Chief Justice Hornsby:

In accordance with Section 12-5-10, **Code of Alabama** 1975, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Alabama Judicial System for the Fiscal Year 1988, which includes the period October 1, 1987, to September 30, 1988.

This is an historical document that provides an overview of Alabama's court system and summarizes the accomplishments and activities of our judicial system during the past year. This composite report provides information regarding the organization and services of the Administrative Office of Courts which impact directly on the efficient operation of the state courts.

The statistical data contained in the report details the workload of both the appellate and trial courts of the state. With optimism and energy, our courts continue to carry out the administration of justice in an expeditious manner.

I sincerely hope that this report will be of interest to the citizens of Alabama and will provide a better understanding of the functions and roles of the judicial branch of our state government.

Allen L. Tapley
Administrative Director of Courts

C. C. Torbert Jr. Chief Justice 1977-1989

During the 12 years from 1977 to 1989, C. C. "Bo" Torbert, Jr., led the judicial branch of Alabama's state government, forging a court system that is considered a model for the nation.

When he assumed office from his predecessor, U. S. Senator Howell Heflin, in January 1977, Mr. Torbert molded the constitutional and statutory modernization efforts which occurred during Mr. Heflin's tenure as chief justice from 1971 to 1977. As a state senator in 1975, Mr. Torbert was chief sponsor of Act 1205 which implemented the new judicial article to Alabama's constitution.

Transferring the funding of an entire department of government from the local to the state level of government was a significant task that consumed most of Mr. Torbert's first six-year term in office. It was an historical undertaking, carried out in a fashion that made the administration of Alabama's judiciary an example for other states. His efforts in case and jury management were recognized nationally and he established a model judicial education system.

Mr. Torbert's efforts and service brought national recognition to the Alabama judiciary. He currently serves, by appointment of the President of the United States, on the board of directors of the State Justice Institute, a non-profit corporation established by Congress to support state courts. Mr. Torbert currently serves as the board's chairman and has overseen the award of over $15 million in grants to state court systems. In 1987-88, he served as president of the National Conference of Chief Justices and as chairman of the Board of the National Center for State Courts.

As Alabama's 25th chief justice, Mr. Torbert presided over a Supreme Court where the caseload more than tripled during his tenure. Yet, the nine justices on the court continued to process cases in a timely manner.

C.C. "Bo" Torbert, Jr.

His efforts to construct a new judicial building for the state culminated in the passage of legislation in 1987 to create a State Judicial Building Authority and authorization of a bond issue for construction of the facility. Architects for the building were selected in 1988.

Mr. Torbert's leadership with the judges, clerks of court, judicial officials, and employees of the state courts generated a true affection from the people with whom he worked for 12 years to maintain and improve the administration of justice.

Mr. Torbert's successor, Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby, summed up his service in the following statement:

"Bo Torbert, very simply, put the Alabama Judicial System on the map. He established the court system of Alabama as an efficiently-run department of state government, and his efforts at the national level have made us proud to be Alabamians."

Pending Caseloads Verified For Development Of Weighted Caseload System

The Court Assistance Division began the pending caseload project in June 1988. This project was undertaken to verify the pending caseload prior to the implementation of the weighted caseload system. This new caseload system will give the Supreme Court a more quantitative method of assessing future judgeship needs. Since the weighted caseload system relies heavily on caseload statistics, it is imperative that the system reflect accurate and current statistics. Court management analysts verified the pending caseload by manually counting case action summary sheets or case folders in the 62 court sites that are not automated. The division is in the process of verifying the automated court sites by using a combination of manual and computerized counting.

ALABAMA FAIR TRIAL TAX FUND
Revenues, Disbursements, and Surpluses/(Deficits)
FY 1984 - FY 1988

	FY 1984	FY 1985	FY 1986	FY 1987	FY 1988
Revenues	$4,587,393	$4,406,369	$5,612,956*	$5,969,065	$5,968,411**
Disbursements	$4,574,225	$4,854,391	$5,662,459	$6,054,432	$5,949,327
Surplus/(Deficit)	$13,168	($448,022)	($49,503)	($85,367)	$19,084

*Includes $485,000 transferred from the General Fund to maintain solvency of the Fair Trial Tax Fund.
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Records Retention Guidelines Distributed

In March 1988, the Juvenile Court Records Retention Schedule was distributed to the judges and clerks of Alabama's juvenile court system. This retention schedule was developed through the efforts of the Judicial Records Retention Committee and the Administrative Office of Courts' records and space management staff to assist juvenile court personnel in effectively managing their court records. The implementation of the retention schedule also provides a means for documenting the progress and history of the juvenile justice system.

The revised Trial Courts Records Retention Schedule was distributed in February 1988. This revised schedule reduces retention requirements for some district court records and adds some records not included in the original trial courts schedule. This was the first revision of the retention schedule in eight years.

Juvenile Issues Highlight 1988 Interagency Conference On Youth

More than 350 judges, juvenile probation officers, social workers, mental health officials, and educators attended the third Interagency Conference on Youth in September 1988. The Alabama Judicial Study Commission's Interagency Committee on Youth was established in 1985 to foster increased coordination among those agencies providing services to the youth of the state and to promote joint research to determine the long-range needs of children, including the development of appropriate strategies, procedures, and laws for meeting these needs. The conference included 15 workshops addressing a wide array of issues facing young people, including medical abuse, child abuse identification, early intervention programs for children-at-risk, behavior modification, and programs dealing with serious juvenile offenders.

Fair Trial Tax Fund Deficit Reduced

In FY 1988, the Fair Trial Tax Fund ended the year with an operating deficit of $380,916. To maintain the solvency of the fund, $400,00 was transferred from the General Fund, leaving a final "paper" surplus of $19,084.

During this fiscal year, Fair Trial Tax Fund revenues, excluding the $400,000 General Fund transfer, decreased by 6.7 percent from $5,969,065 to $5,568,411. Disbursements, including the State Comptroller's $50,000 administrative charge, decreased by 1.7 percent from $6,054,432 to $5,949,327. This reduction in disbursements is a result of the combined efforts of circuit and district judges, court personnel, and attorneys to reduce fair trial tax disbursements while maintaining indigent defense services. Nineteen circuits reported fair trial tax revenues in excess of expenditures. The largest suplus, $59,189, was reported in the 5th Judicial Circuit (Chambers, Macon, Randolph, and Tallapoosa counties).

Of the total Fair Trial Tax Fund revenues generated during the year, $274,682 was collected through the court-appointed attorney fee recoupment program. By law, the courts are provided the authority to require convicted defendants to reimburse the state for court-appointed attorneys' fees when defendants are financially able.

Prison Review Task Force Report Endorsed By Judicial Study Commission

In September 1987, the Federal Prison Implementation Committee, which has been monitoring and overseeing the state's corrections systems since 1984, requested the Alabama Judicial Study Commission to appoint a task force to provide a continuing review of the prison system. In response to this request, the Judicial Study Commission authorized its chairman, Chief Justice C. C. Torbert, Jr., to appoint a task force to review the problems of prison overcrowding in Alabama and to formulate recommendations for programs and actions to improve the operation of the state's corrections system and to prevent future prison overcrowding.

Under this authority, a 13-member Prison Review Task Force was appointed by Chief Justice Torbert. Allen L. Tapley, Administrative Director of Courts, was appointed chairman; and, in accordance with its charge, the Prison Review Task Force conducted an extensive review of the state's criminal justice system and correctional issues. Hearings were held to allow members of the general public, as well as representatives of other agencies, units of government, and organizations, to present their concerns and suggestions.

In January 1988, the Prison Review Task Force submitted its report of priority recommendations to the Judicial Study Commission. The commission endorsed their recommendations, and Chief Justice Torbert commended the report to the governor and the legislature for their review and consideration.

Priority recommendations within the report included: 1) the immediate increase in funding for the Board of Pardons and Paroles; 2) legislation which would modify statutes dealing with criminal punishment; 3) expansion of early release programs; 4) funding and support of early intervention/prevention programs; 5) the institution of broad-based drug and alcohol treatment programs; 6) the establishment of specific programs within each judicial circuit to provide that victims of crime be treated with care and compassion; 7) legislation to provide a permanent criminal justice council; 8) the education of trial judges regarding sentencing and sentencing alternatives; 9) the establishment of pre-trial diversion/intervention programs; 10) the establishment of a statewide offender-based tracking information system; 11) legislation requiring the submission of impact statements prior to passage of any criminal justice legislation; and 12) the development and institution of continuous public education programs to inform the general public about the needs and operations of the state's criminal justice system.

Profile of a "DUI" Court Referral Student In Alabama

During FY 1988, more than 15,000 defendants were evaluated and completed DUI court referral programs. Of these defendants, 14,200 completed the Level I program and more than 1,000 completed the Level II program. Statistical information was gathered to determine a profile of the average DUI court referral student in Alabama:

Sex:	87.6 percent - male 12.4 percent - female
Race:	71.2 percent - white 25.6 percent - black 1.5 percent - American Indian 0.7 percent - other
Age:	Median age - 26-35 years (Almost 100 students were 16 years old or younger.)
Marital Status:	Married - with three persons living in family.
Grade Level:	Median school grade completed - between grades 9-12.
Income:	Median annual salary - between $10,000 and $15,000.
Vocation:	Usual career - craftsman or repairman.
Conviction:	First conviction blood alcohol content - between .10 and .49 percent.
Arrest History:	Usual arrest - between 9:00 p.m. and midnight on Friday.
Drinking History:	23.1 percent - felt they had a problem with alcohol. 8.8 percent - never sought help for their problem.

State Justice Institute Awards Grants To Administrative Office

The State Justice Institute awarded two grants to the Administrative Office of Courts during 1988 for the development of a comprehensive automated juvenile information system and for the Alabama Court Referral Officer (CRO) Program.

The Management Information Systems Division will develop and implement an automated juvenile case tracking system that will be available to court sites in the state judicial information system (SJIS). The project will explore the use of computer technologies to enhance the management of cases, expedite reporting, improve the monitoring of court costs, fines, and restitution collections, and provide other management information to juvenile court officials and employees. The juvenile courts of Lee and Montgomery counties were selected to be the test sites for this project.

The Municipal Court Operations Division will expand and evaluate the court referral officer program, utilizing grant funds made available to fund five court referral officers and one administrative position to assist in formalizing the CRO program. In addition to these one-year positions, the grant provides for an evaluation of the program's impact on court administration and recidivism.

A uniform guidelines manual outlining the CRO program will be developed. A comprehensive training program for court referral officers and court officials is in progress, and a dual purpose evaluation is in use to determine the program's effect on defendants and courts. This project will be a joint effort with the Municipal Cort of El Cajon, California, which will be replicating the Alabama program and evaluating its success. The five DUI schools chosen to supervise the new court referral officers serve the following counties: DeKalb, Marshall-Jackson, Chilton-Shelby, Tuscaloosa-Pickens, and Clay-Coosa-Randolph-Talladega counties.

Retired Judges Hear State Employee Appeals

Seven retired judges assisted the Alabama State Personnel Board by serving as hearing officers in 18 state employee appeals during FY 1988. These retired judges serve without additional compensation, receiving only the standard state per diem for travel. In addition to generating a substantial savings for the personnel board and the state in general, their service assures speedy hearings of appeals and reduces the potential liability by the state for back pay.

Retired judges serving this year as hearing officers are: Honorable Ingram Beasley; Honorable Walter G. Bridges; Honorable William I. Byrd; Honorable B. M. Miller Childers; Honorable Robert E. Hodnette, Jr.; Honorable Thomas E. Huey, Jr.; and Honorable Newton B. Powell.

Jury Trials And Juror Expenses

The one-step juror summoning system, which combines the summoning and the qualifying process, has resulted in significant cost reductions in juror summoning since its inception in 1982. Four additional counties implemented the one-step juror summoning process in FY 1988, bringing the total number of counties utilizing the alternative juror selection and qualification process to 57. Counties implementing the one-step system during this fiscal year include: Clay, Russell, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa counties. A total of 141,000 juror summons was issued by the Administrative Office of Courts during FY 1988.

The one-step juror summoning process utilizes the Department of Public Safety's driver license list. The driver license list includes a county identifier based on the mailing address which is used as a key in summoning jurors for court in the appropriate county. During this fiscal year, the Administrative Office of Courts undertook a project to verify the county of residence for those individuals who were identified as living on postal delivery routes which crossed county lines. More than 1.3 million records involving 177 zip codes were reviewed. Based on this review, approximately 150,000 county identifiers were corrected. The verification of the county identifier codes ensures that new master juror lists will reflect the most accurate and current listing of potential jurors.

The Administrative Office of Courts also electronically generates juror qualification forms for courts utilizing the two-step qualification/summoning process. During this fiscal year, 10,800 electronically generated juror qualification forms were prepared for two counties utilizing the two-step system.

A total of 3,348 jury trials were held in Alabama during this fiscal year. Of these, 1,721 were criminal trials and 1,406 were civil trials. Settlements were reached in 221 trials after the formation of the jury and no verdict was rendered.

Jurors receive $10 a day for each day of service and a mileage allowance of $0.05 per mile. In 1988, the average cost per jury trial was $547, a decrease of $6 or 1.1 percent from the cost reported for the previous year. The 19th Judicial Circuit (Autauga, Chilton, and Elmore counties) reported the lowest cost per jury trial of $222.38.

Jury commissioners are appointed by the governor and are responsible for the development of the county's master juror list. The master list must be reviewed and corrected once every four years. Jury commissioners are also responsible for the preparation of the master juror box which must be emptied and refilled during every even-numbered year. They are paid $10 for each day they are actually engaged in the discharge of their duties. Legislation enacted in 1983 requires the presiding circuit judge to issue a written order authorizing the commission to meet.

Jury commission expenses totaled $5,613 in FY 1988, a decrease of $10,242 or 64.6 percent from the previous year. Since 1984, jury commission expenses have decreased $95,465 or 94.4 percent. The one-step juror summoning and qualification process has contributed greatly to the decrease in jury commission expenses.

Juror sequestration expenses for 1988 totaled $120,022, an increase of $12,046 or 11.2 percent from the previous year. Juror sequestration costs have increased $41,086 or 52.1 percent since FY 1984.

JURY TRIALS AND JUROR EXPENSES
FY 1984 - FY 1988

Fiscal Year	Jury Trials	Cost Per Trial	Jury Commission Expenses	Juror Sequestration Expenses
1984	2,950	$531	$101,078	$78,936
1985	3,310	568	18,768	83,427
1986	3,338	535	17,134	85,784
1987	3,458	553	15,855	107,976
1988	3,348	547	5,613	120,022
Change:	-110	-$6	-$10,242	$12,046
1987-88	-3.2%	-1.1%	-64.6%	11.2%
Change:	398	$16	-$95,465	$41,086
1984-88	13.5%	3.0%	-94.4%	52.1%

Judicial Education Certificates Awarded To 32 Judges

In FY 1988, the Chief Justice presented certificates to 32 circuit and district judges for their participation in judicial educational programs. Instituted in 1984 by the Alabama Judicial College, a division of the Administrative Office of Courts, the judicial certificate program recognizes judges who complete 100 hours of continuing education instruction offered by the Judicial College within a four-year period.

Judges Receiving Judicial Education Certificates
Fiscal Year 1988

Sue A. Bell, District Judge,
Conecuh County

John N. Bryan, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge,
10th Judicial Circuit

Randall L. Cole, Presiding Circuit Judge,
9th Judicial Circuit

Harold L. Crow, District Judge,
Clarke County

John W. Davis, III, Circuit Judge,
15th Judicial Circuit

Jerry L. Fielding, Circuit Judge,
29th Judicial Circuit

James S. Garrett, Circuit Judge,
10th Judicial Circuit

James T. Gullage, Presiding Circuit Judge,
37th Judicial Circuit

Eddie D. Hardaway, District Judge,
Sumter County

Robert L. Hodges, Circuit Judge,
38th Judicial Circuit

H. Edwin Holladay, Presiding Circuit Judge,
30th Judicial Circuit

Joel G. Holley, District Judge,
Chambers County

William D. Jetton, Circuit Judge,
27th Judicial Circuit

Clark E. Johnson, Presiding Circuit Judge,
27th Judicial Circuit

Inge P. Johnson, Presiding Circuit Judge,
31st Judicial Circuit

Hardie B. Kimbrough, Presiding Circuit Judge,
1st Judicial Circuit

Gay M. Lake, Jr., District Judge,
Tuscaloosa County

Larry E. Lapkovitch, District Judge,
Walker County

Robert E. Lewis, District Judge,
Etowah County

Carlton Mayhall, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge,
25th Judicial Circuit

P. B. McLauchlin, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge,
33rd Judicial Circuit

Craig Miller, District Judge,
Montgomery County

Randel H. Mullican, District Judge,
Lawrence County

Deborah B. Paseur, District Judge,
Lauderdale County

J. Richmond Pearson, Circuit Judge,
1st Judicial Circuit

Jo Celeste Pettway, District Judge,
Wilcox County

Joseph D. Phelps, Circuit Judge,
15th Judicial Circuit

David A. Rains, Circuit Judge,
9th Judicial Circuit

N. Daniel Rogers, Circuit Judge,
10th Judicial Circuit

Malcolm B. Street, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge,
7th Judicial Circuit

Julius S. Swann, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge,
16th Judicial Circuit

Charles L. Woods, Circuit Judge,
33rd Judicial Circuit

Alabama Judicial College Sponsors Sentencing Institute

The Alabama Sentencing Institute, jointly sponsored by the Alabama Judicial College and the National Judicial College, was conducted in May 1988. There were 237 participants, including 126 trial court judges and 78 probation officers.

The concept for the historic sentencing conference was inspired by the general findings of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission's Prison Review Task Force. Considered to be one of the most informative, effective, and successful conferences ever held by the Judicial College, this innovative educational seminar gave Alabama judges and probation officers an opportunity to discuss sentencing practices and alternatives utilized nationally and throughout the state.

The victim's role in sentencing, incarceration alternatives, and monitoring trends were among the subjects discussed at the Institute by a nationally-recognized faculty which included Joseph S. Mattina, New York Surrogate Court Judge, and Dennis A. Challeen, Minnesota District Court Judge. Subsequent educational follow-up programs regarding sentencing are planned for FY 1989.

Sentencing Manual Developed

In addition to the Alabama Sentencing Institute, the Administrative Office of Courts developed the Circuit and District Judge's Sentencing Manual in reponse to recommendations included in the report of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission's Prison Review Task Force. This manual has provided judges throughout the state with an access to all statutory provisions which relate to the court's sentencing authority, including sentencing alternatives which are authorized by Alabama law.

The sentencing manual includes such information as a compilation of "good time" laws and other sentence deductions to which prisoners are entitled; an explanation of how the Department of Corrections administers the "good time" laws, including a table for early release dates based on an application of Correctional Incentive Time (CIT); an explanation of the Supervised Intensive Restitution (SIR) and work release programs and their administration; an explanation of the granting of pardons and paroles in Alabama and guidelines used by the Board of Pardons and Paroles in granting, denying, and revoking parole; and a list of drug and alcohol treatment centers available for use by the court.

American Bar Association Recognizes Judicial System's Law Day Program

The Alabama Judicial System was presented a public service award by the American Bar Association for its 1988 Law Day Program. The award was based on informational value, educational merit, creativity, innovation, overall effort, and public response to the program which was sponsored by the Alabama judiciary and the Alabama State Bar during the May 1988 Law and Court Observance Week. With the theme "Legal Literacy—The ABC's of American Law and Justice" as their guide, judges and attorneys across the state sponsored "teach-ins" as a means for instilling in elementary and secondary students an appreciation for the rule of law and a better understanding of the operation of the judicial system.

The participation of many judicial circuits contributed to the success of the program with activities ranging from speeches, community forums, and free legal counseling to classroom presentations, courtroom tours, and naturalization ceremonies. The 26th Judicial Circuit hosted the Supreme Court of Alabama in Phenix City during the week-long celebration. More than 1,500 students observed the court in session.

Judicial Finances

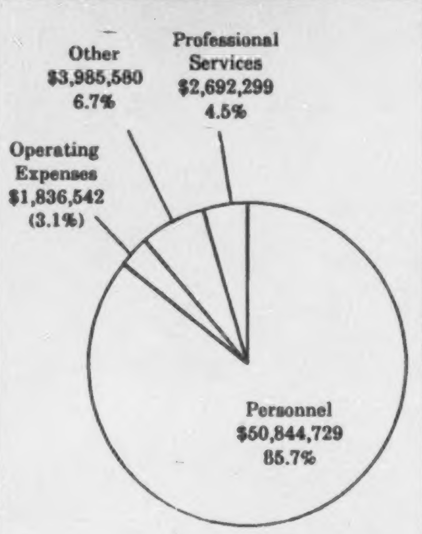
The Alabama courts are funded through state general fund appropriations. In FY 1988, state appropriations to the judicial branch totaled $66.5 million, including $7.1 million for the operation of the appellate courts and $59.4 million for the operation of the trial courts and the Administrative Office of Courts.

Expenditures for the trial courts, exclusive of the appellate courts, totaled $59.4 million, an increase of $3.6 million or 6.5 percent from the previous year. This increase can be attributed to additional costs for personnel and routine employee benefits which increased the personnel expenses by $2.1 million or 4.4 percent.

JUDICIAL EXPENSES
Exclusive of the Appellate Courts
Fiscal Year 1988

Personnel and Employee Benefits	$50,844,729
Professional Services Including Juror and Witness Costs	2,692,299
Operating Expenses and Supplies	1,836,542
Other Costs:	
Equipment Purchase	1,385,413
Rentals and Leases	705,186
Utilities and Communications	951,604
Repair and Maintenance	324,626
Travel: In-State	467,723
Out-of-State	122,401
Transportation Equipment Operations	20,762
Other	7,865
Total Expenses for FY 1988 as of September 30, 1988	$59,359,150

JUDICIAL EXPENSES
Exclusive of the Appellate Courts
($59,359,150)
Fiscal Year 1988



The Alabama Judicial System generates revenues in the form of filing fees, fines and forfeitures. For FY 1988, the courts reported revenues totaling $41.8 million, an increase of approximately $5.3 million from the previous fiscal year. This increase can be attributed to a statewide increase in court costs and fees that became effective in August 1987.

Revenues collected through the trial courts are distributed in accordance with state statutes. In FY 1988, 76.8 percent of the total revenues reported or $32.1 million was transmitted to the State Comptroller. Of this amount, $27.8 million, or 66.5 percent of the total revenues, was earmarked for the state's General Fund.

APPROPRIATIONS
Fiscal Year 1988

Supreme Court	$4,272,244
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,641,899
Court of Civil Appeals	1,214,226
Trial Courts and Administrative Office of Courts	59,359,150
Total	$66,487,519

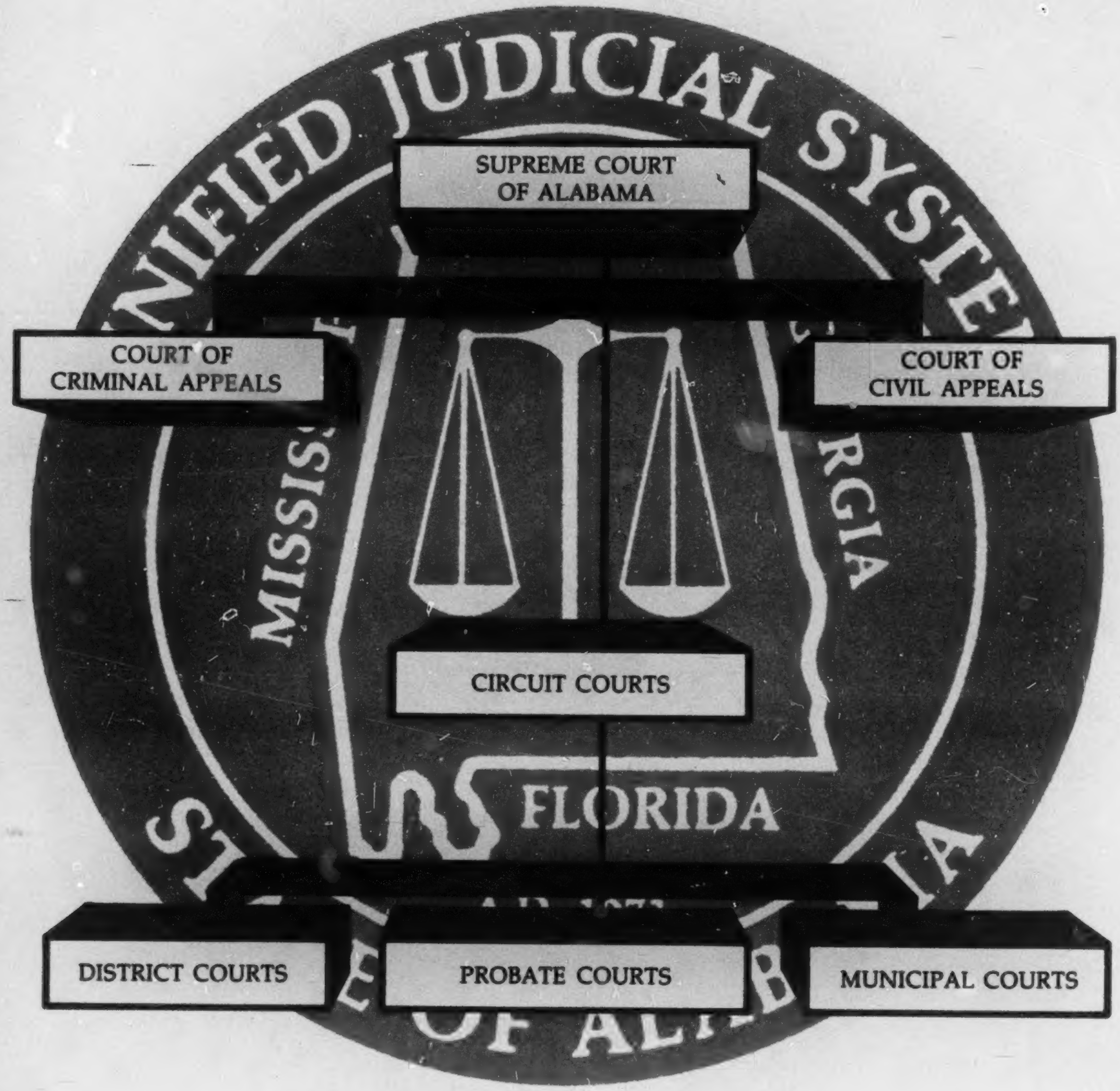
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTED REVENUE
Fiscal Year 1988

State Revenues:	
General Fund Revenues:	
Filing Fees	$16,958,978
Fines and Forfeitures	10,192,946
Administrative Fees	341,860
Commissions on Sales	88,893
Other Revenue	253,896
Total to General Fund	$27,836,573
Other State Revenues:	
Drivers Education Fund	$ 480,106
Fair Trial Tax - Docket Fees	3,523,289
Fair Trial Tax - Recoupment	274, 682
Total Other State Revenues	$ 4,278,077
Total to State Comptroller	$32,114,650
Other Revenues:	
County General Fund	$ 4,421,617
District Attorneys Fund	1,101,964
District Attorneys Worthless Check Fund	295,771
Public Law Library Fund	974,442
Police Officers Annuity	514,804
Police Officers Standards and Training	314,193
Crime Victim Compensation Fund	1,376,851
Department of Conservation	718,930
Total Other Revenues	$ 9,718,572
Total Reported Revenues	$41,833,222

Supreme Court Adopts Rule On Expedited Process For Child Support

By Order of June 17, 1988, the Alabama Supreme Court adopted Rule 35 of the **Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration** which establishes expedited procedures for handling child support determinations under the provisions of Title IV-D of the 1984 Amendments to the Social Security Act.

The expedited process rule was recommended by the Child Support Enforcement Committee, the Standing Committee on Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, and representatives of those circuits that are subject to the expedited process requirements. The rule also allows presiding circuit judges in those circuits which are exempted from the expedited process requirements to implement some or all of the prodedures by local order. Thirty-five of the state's 39 judicial circuits were granted an exemption from the expedited process requirements.


SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
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COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS
CIRCUIT COURTS
DISTRICT COURTS
PROBATE COURTS
MUNICIPAL COURTS
UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM
FLORIDA

The Judicial Department. "Judicial Power. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, the judicial power of the state shall be vested exclusively in a unified judicial system which shall consist of a supreme court, a court of criminal appeals, a court of civil appeals, a trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, a trial court of limited jurisdiction known as the district court, a probate court and such municipal courts as may be provided by law.

(b) The legislature may create judicial officers with authority to issue warrants and may vest in administrative agencies established by law such judicial powers as may be reasonably necessary as an incident to the accomplishment of the purposes for which the agencies are created."

Excerpt from the Judicial Article,
Constitution of Alabama

Appellate Courts

The Alabama appellate courts consist of the Supreme Court and two courts of appeals: the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Court of Civil Appeals.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court, the highest state court in Alabama, is composed of a chief justice and eight associate justices, each elected statewide for a term of six years. The Supreme Court has the power to superintend and review any case tried, heard, or appealed in any other court in the state. It has exclusive appellate jurisdiction over all suits at law where the amount in controversy exceeds $10,000 and all appeals from orders of the Alabama Public Service Commission involving utility rates. The court has rule-making power and has authority to promulgate administrative regulations to ensure the efficient and speedy administration of justice. The Supreme Court may answer questions of state law certified by a court of the United States and is authorized by law to give advisory opinions to the governor and the legislature on important constitutional questions.

A total of 2,342 cases was docketed with the Supreme Court this year. The number of cases docketed includes 1,594 new filings and 748 cases which were carried over from the previous term of court.

A total of 1,597 cases was disposed by the court, of which 672 cases were disposed through the issuance of written opinions. This represents an average of 75 written opinions per justice.

Case filings and dispositions in the Supreme Court for the five-year period including FY 1984 through FY 1988 are shown on the accompanying table. During this five-year period, filings in the Supreme Court increased by 137 cases or 9.4 percent. Dispositions increased by 10.1 percent or 146 cases.

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT
Cases Docketed and Disposed
October 1, 1987 - September 30, 1988

Cases Docketed:	
New Cases:	
Appeals and Extraordinary Writs	829
Petitions for Writ of Certiorari	630
Miscellaneous Docket	130
Certified Questions	3
Advisory Opinions	2
Total New Cases:	1,594
Cases Carried Forward, FY 1987:	748
Total Cases Pending before the Court	2,342
Cases Disposed:	
Written Opinions:	
Appeals	535
Petitions for Certiorari	105
Extraordinary Writs and Certified Questions	30
Advisory Opinions	2
Total Written Opinions	672
Petitions for Writ of Certiorari Denied	512
Dispositions by Court on Miscellaneous Docket and Dispositions by Clerk's Office	413
Total Cases Disposed	1,597
Cases Carried Forward to Next Term	745

SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA. First row, left to right—Justice Reneau P. Almon, Justice Hugh Maddox, Chief Justice C.C. Torbert, Jr., Justice Richard L. Jones, Justice Janie L. Shores; Second row—Justice Gorman Houston, Justice Samuel A. Beatty, Justice Oscar W. Adams, Jr., Justice Henry B. Steagall II.

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1984 - FY 1988

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Change 1984 — 1988	
Cases Carried Over from Prior Year	713	719	677	745	748	35	4.9%
New Filings	1,457	1,404	1,590	1,674	1,594	137	9.4%
Total Caseload	2,170	2,123	2,267	2,419	2,342	172	7.9%
Cases Disposed	1,451	1,446	1,522	1,671	1,597	146	10.1%
Cases Carried Over to Next Year	719	677	745	748	745	26	3.6%

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1984- FY 1988

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Change 1984 --- 1988	
Cases Carried Over from Prior Year	840	760	856	648	524	-316	-37.6%
New Filings	1,400	1,520	1,537	1,695	1,784	384	27.4%
Total Caseload	2,240	2,280	2,393	2,343	2,308	68	3.0%
Cases Disposed	1,480	1,424	1,745	1,819	1,774	294	19.9%
Cases Carried Over to Next Year	760	856	648	524	534	-226	-29.7%

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1984- FY 1988

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Change 1984 --- 1988	
Cases Carried Over from Prior Year	259	255	287	269	335	76	29.3%
New Filings	532	548	530	584	529	-3	-0.6%
Total Caseload	791	803	817	853	864	73	9.2%
Cases Disposed	536	516	548	518	576	40	7.5%
Cases Carried Over to Next Year	255	287	269	335	288	33	12.9%

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

The Court of Criminal Appeals is a five-member body composed of a presiding judge and four judges. The court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction of all misdemeanors including violations of municipal ordinances, all felonies, and all post-conviction writs in criminal cases. The court also has original jurisdiction in the issuance of remedial writs necessary to give it general superintendence and control of jurisdictions inferior to it in matters over which it has exclusive appellate jurisdiction. Judgments of the Court of Criminal Appeals may be reviewed by the state Supreme Court by the granting of a petition for writ of certiorari. Capital cases are automatically reviewed by the Supreme Court.

During FY 1988, the total number of cases before the Court of Criminal Appeals decreased by 1.5 percent, from 2,343 cases the previous year to 2,308 cases. New filings totaled 1,784 with 524 cases brought forward from FY 1987.

A total of 1,774 cases was disposed by the court. Of this number, 377 were disposed with opinions; 992 were disposed without opinions; and 405 cases were decided en banc.

Of the cases disposed by the court, 67 percent or 1,190 cases were affirmed; 19 percent or 340 cases were dismissed; 6 percent or 100 cases were extraordinary petitions; and 8 percent or 135 cases were either reversed and remanded or reversed and remanded with directions for additional trial action. Of the 1,774 cases disposed, the court reversed and rendered the decision in 9 cases. This represents less than 1 percent of the total appeals disposed.

At the close of the fiscal year, 534 appeals were carried over to the next term of court.

This year, Retired Judge Leigh M. Clark continued to assist the court.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS. Left to right—Judge John Patterson; Judge John C. Tyson, III; Presiding Judge William M. Bowen, Jr.; Judge Sam Taylor; Judge Henry W. McMillan, Jr.

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

The Court of Civil Appeals, composed of a presiding judge and two associate judges, was created by the Alabama Legislature in 1969. The court has original appellate jurisdiction in all civil appeals where the amount in controversy does not exceed $10,000, all appeals from administrative agencies other than the Alabama Public Service Commission, all appeals in workmen's compensation cases, and all appeals in domestic relations cases, including annulment, divorce, adoption, and child custody cases.

For FY 1988, the Court of Civil Appeals reported a total caseload of 864 cases. This figure includes 529 new filings and 335 cases which, at the close of the previous term, were either not ready for submission or on appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court.

The Court of Civil Appeals disposed of 576 cases. Of these cases, 401 or 70 percent were decided with opinions and 175 were decided without opinions.

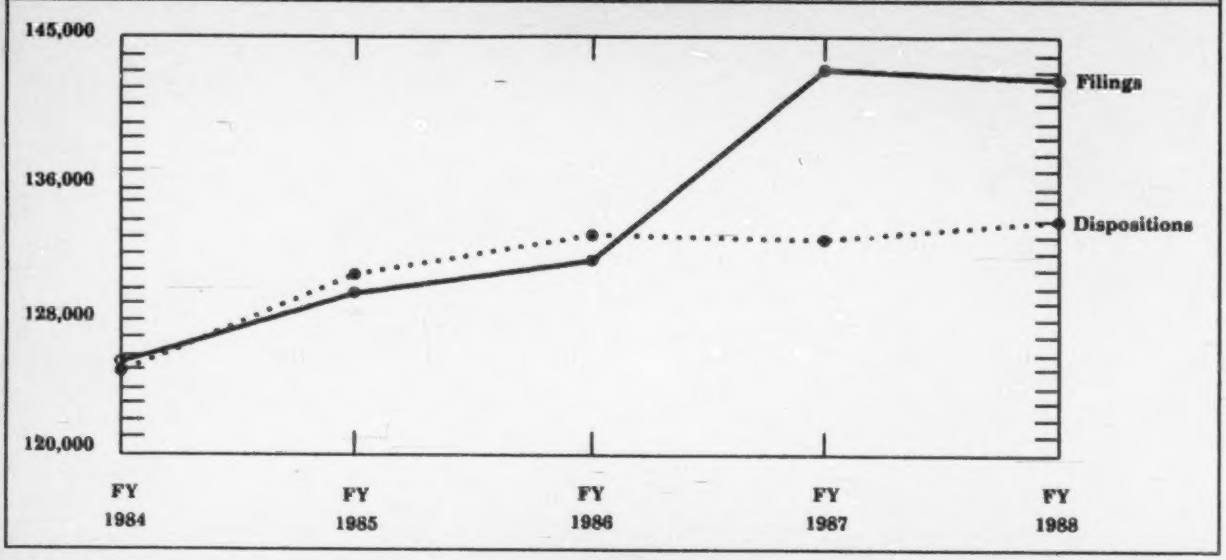
Of those cases decided with written opinions, 73 percent were affirmed; 18 percent were reversed; 5 percent were affirmed in part and reversed in part; and 4 percent were disposed by dismissal or petition for extraordinary relief granted or denied. All decisions of the court are made en banc. Each judge is required to review each case submitted to the court.

Of those cases submitted to the Court of Civil Appeals this fiscal year, 3 percent were argued and submitted and 97 percent were submitted on briefs. Of the orally argued cases, 38 percent were affirmed. Of those cases submitted on brief, 79 percent were affirmed. There were 181 applications for rehearing. Of these, 133 petitions for certiorari were sought in the state Supreme Court. Of the petitions for certiorari submitted for review by the Alabama Supreme Court, 92 percent were upheld.

During the fiscal year, Retired Circuit Judge Edward N. Scruggs assisted the court on a full-time basis, and Retired Appellate Judge Charles Wright continued to assist the court part-time.

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS. Left to right—Judge Richard L. Holmes, Presiding Judge Robert P. Bradley, Judge Kenneth Frank Ingram.

CIRCUIT COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1984 - FY 1988



CIRCUIT COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1984 - FY 1988

FILINGS

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Change 1987 --- 1988		Change 1984 --- 1988	
Criminal	31,241	31,469	32,192	34,125	34,161	36	0.1%	2,920	9.3%
Civil	29,650	32,447	33,984	37,050	35,876	-1,174	-3.2%	6,226	21.1%
Domestic Relations	46,359	46,801	47,278	47,279	44,805	-2,474	-5.2%	-1,554	-3.4%
Juvenile	18,157	18,947	18,192	24,759	27,873	3,114	12.6%	9,716	53.5%
Total	125,407	129,664	131,646	143,213	142,715	-498	-0.3%	17,308	13.8%

DISPOSITIONS

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Change 1987 --- 1988		Change 1984 --- 1988	
Criminal	30,354	31,685	31,707	32,262	31,410	-852	-2.6%	1,056	3.5%
Civil	28,758	30,879	31,605	34,329	35,773	1,444	4.2%	7,015	24.4%
Domestic Relations	46,836	46,493	46,974	46,562	44,926	-1,636	-3.5%	-1,910	-4.1%
Juvenile	18,977	21,564	22,921	19,741	21,854	2,113	10.7%	2,877	15.2%
Total	124,925	130,621	133,207	132,894	133,963	1,069	0.8%	9,038	7.2%

Trial Courts

The Alabama trial courts consist of a court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, a court of limited jurisdiction known as the district court, a probate court, and such municipal courts as may be established.

CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court is the state's trial court of general jurisdiction. The 67 counties in Alabama are divided into 39 judicial circuits which are composed of one to five counties. There are 124 circuit judges, and each circuit has from 1 to 24 resident circuit judges. By law, circuit court is held in every county in the state.

The circuit court jurisdiction, generally, is as follows:

Civil - Exclusive original jurisdiction of all civil actions in which the matter in controversy exceeds $5,000 and original jurisdiction concurrent with the district court in civil actions in which the matter in controversy exceeds $1,000 exclusive of interest and cost.

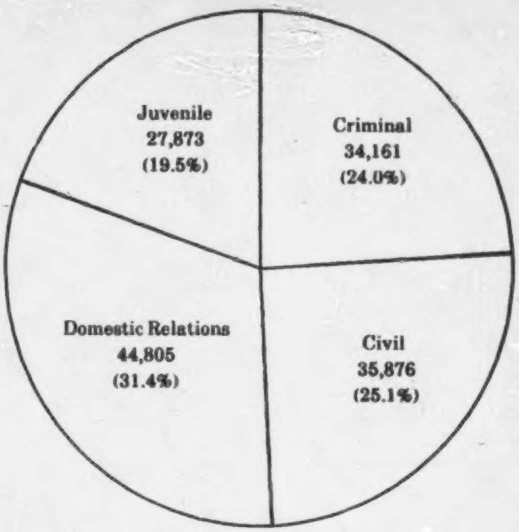
Criminal - Exclusive original jurisdiction of all felony prosecutions and/or misdemeanors or ordinance violations which are lesser included offenses within a felony charge or which arise from the same incident as a felony charge, except that the district court has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court to receive pleas of guilty in felony cases not punishable by sentence of death.

Juvenile - Original concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in proceedings involving the following: children alleged to be delinquent, dependent, or in need or supervision; traffic offenses transferred to juvenile court; determining custody or appointing legal custodian or guardian of a child who is otherwise before the court; removal of disability of non-age; interstate compact on juveniles; commitment of mentally ill or retarded children; adoption, when such proceedings are removed from probate court; and termination of parental rights.

Appellate - Appellate jurisdiction of civil, criminal, and juvenile cases in district court and prosecutions for ordinance violations in municipal court, except in cases in which direct appeal to the appellate courts is provided by law or rule. Appeals to the circuit court are tried de novo, with or without a jury, as provided by law.

Circuit court case filings decreased slightly during FY 1988, with 498 fewer cases or 0.3 percent reported. The largest decrease was in the domestic relations jurisdiction where filings decreased by 2,474 cases or 5.2 percent. A 3.2 percent reduction, or 1,174 cases, was reported in the civil jurisdiction. Filings in the juvenile jurisdiction increased in FY 1988 by 3,114 cases or 12.6 percent. The criminal jurisdiction reported only a slight increase of 36 cases or 0.1 percent.

CIRCUIT COURT FILINGS
FY 1988
(Total Filings - 142,715)



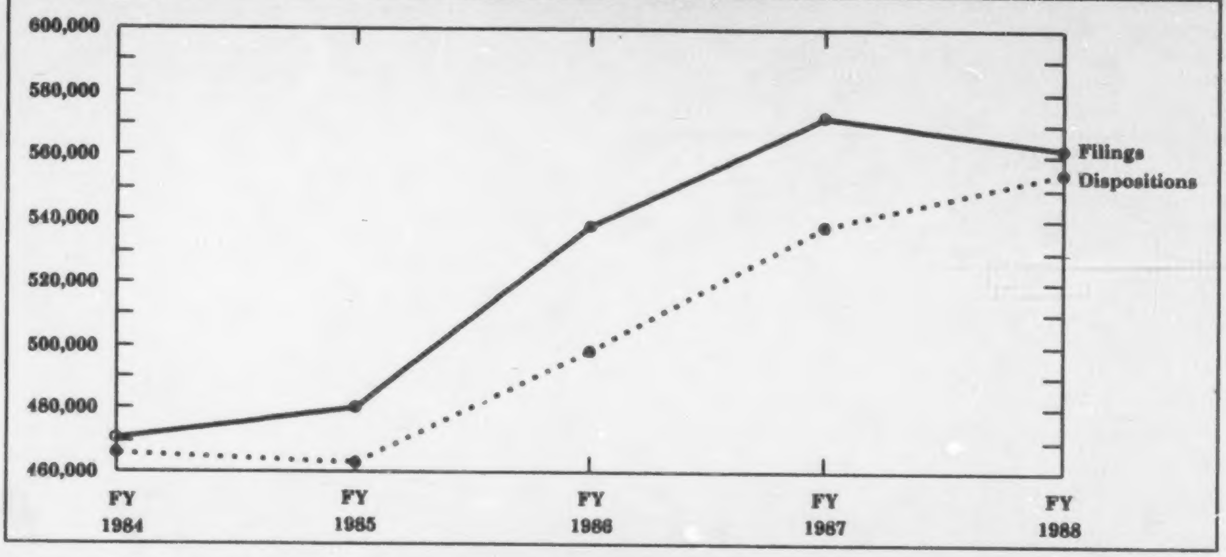
Case filings and disposition trends for the five-year period, FY 1984-FY 1988 are presented on the accompanying circuit court statistical table. As shown, over the five-year period, total circuit court filings have increased by 17,308 cases or 13.8 percent.

The largest increase was reported in the juvenile jurisdiction. Juvenile case filings increased from 18,157 cases in FY 1984 to 27,873 cases in FY 1988, an increase of 9,716 cases or 53.5 percent. Civil case filings increased by 6,226 cases or 21.1 percent for this five-year period while criminal case filings increased by only 2,920 cases or 9.3 percent. Case filings in the domestic relations jurisdiction of the circuit court decreased by 1,554 cases or 3.4 percent over the five-year period.

Dispositions in the circuit courts increased by 1,069 cases or 0.8 percent in FY 1988. Dispositions totaled 133,963 cases this year. Over the five-year period, dispositions in the circuit courts increased by 9,038 cases or 7.2 percent. Substantial increases were reported in the civil jurisdiction of the court. Civil case dispositions increased from 28,758 cases in FY 1984 to 35,773 cases in FY 1988 or 24.4 percent for the five-year period. Juvenile dispositions increased by 2,877 cases or 15.2 percent between FY 1984 and FY 1988. The criminal jurisdiction reported an increase of 1,056 dispositions or 3.5 percent for the five-year period, while dispositons in domestic relations cases declined slightly.

During this fiscal year, 10 of the state's 39 circuits reported that they disposed of more cases than were filed, thereby reducing pending caseloads.

DISTRICT COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1984 - FY 1988



DISTRICT COURT
Filings and Dispositions
FY 1984 - FY 1988

FILINGS

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Change 1987 --- 1988		Change 1984 --- 1988	
Traffic	214,386	211,123	236,628	266,652	250,547	-16,105	-6.0%	36,161	16.9%
Criminal	98,473	98,087	109,629	113,023	118,373	5,350	4.7%	19,900	20.2%
Civil	51,805	44,326	44,492	45,980	47.459	1,479	3.2%	-4,346	-8.4%
Small Claims	76,694	94,594	115,203	113,658	112,413	-1,245	-1.1%	35,719	46.6%
Juvenile	28,786	32,222	31,892	32,787	33,865	1,078	3.3%	5,079	17.6%
Total	470,144	480,352	537,844	572,100	562,657	-9,443	-1.7%	92,513	19.7%

DISPOSITIONS

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Change 1987 --- 1988		Change 1984 --- 1988	
Traffic	210,831	206,911	219,604	250,622	248,046	-2,576	-1.0%	37,215	17.7%
Criminal	97,059	95,334	101,819	106,504	109,866	3,362	3.2%	12,807	13.2%
Civil	53,002	46,217	42,076	43,549	49,986	6,437	14.8%	-3,016	-5.7%
Small Claims	77,707	84,972	105,099	106,064	115,746	9,682	9.1%	38,039	49.0%
Juvenile	27,223	29,461	29,498	30,779	31,681	902	2.9%	4,458	16.4%
Total	465,822	462,895	498,096	537,518	555,325	17,807	3.3%	89,503	19.2%

DISTRICT COURT

The district court is the state trial court of limited jurisdiction. There is a district court in each county. Sessions of court are held in each county seat and in each municipality of 1,000 or more population where no municipal court exists. The district court is a non-jury court of record. There are 95 district judges, and each district court has from 1 to 11 district judges.

The district court jurisdiction, generally, is as follows:

Civil - Original civil jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in civil actions in which the matter in controversy does not exceed $5,000 and civil actions based on unlawful detainer.

Small Claims - Exclusive jurisdiction over all civil actions in which the matter in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed $1,000.

Criminal Misdemeanors - Exclusive original trial jurisdiction over prosecutions of all offenses defined by law or ordinance as misdemeanors, except prosecutions by municipalities having municipal courts.

Criminal Felonies - Original jurisdiction concurrent with the curcuit court to receive pleas of guilty in prosecutions of offenses defined by law as felonies not punishable by sentence of death.

Jurisdiction to hold preliminary hearings in prosecutions for felonies as provided by law.

Criminal Traffic - Exclusive original jurisdiction of misdemeanor prosecutions for traffic infractions, except ordinance infractions prosecuted in municipal court.

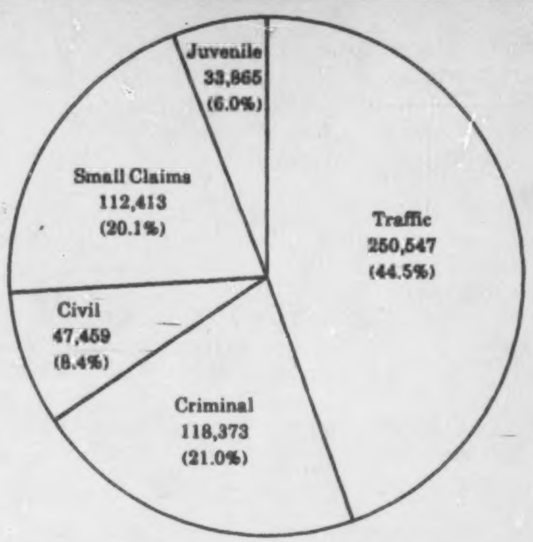
Juvenile - Concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court.

Case filings in the district courts decreasd by 9,443 cases or 1.7 percent in FY 1988. The traffic jurisdiction reflected a decrease of 16,105 cases or 6 percent, while the small claims jurisdiction reported a decrease of 1,245 cases or 1.1 pecent. All other jurisdictions reported an increase in case filings. Criminal filings increased by 5,350 cases or 4.7 percent; civil filings by 1,479 cases or 3.2 percent; and juvenile filings increased by 1,078 cases or 3.3 percent.

Case filings and disposition trends for the five-year period between FY 1984 and FY 1988 are presented on the accompanying district court statistical table. Total filings for the five-year period increased by 92,513 cases or 19.7 percent. Traffic filings increased from 214,386 cases in FY 1984 to 250,547 cases in FY 1988. This represents an increase of 16.9 percent or 36,161 cases.

The most dramatic increase in filings for the five-year period was in the small claims jurisdiction with an increase of 46.6 percent or 35,719 cases. This increase and the resultant decrease in civil case filings is attributed to the change in jurisdiction in the small claims court as many cases now being filed in small claims court would previously have been filed in the civil division. The civil jurisdiction reported a decrease in filings between FY 1984 and FY 1988 of 4,346 cases or 8.4 percent. Criminal case filings increased by 20.2 percent and juvenile case filings by 17.6 percent.

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS
FY 1988
(Total Filings - 562,657)



Dispositions in the district courts increased by 17,807 cases or 3.3 percent between FY 1987 and FY 1988. Increases in dispositions were reported in all jurisdictions of the district court for this fiscal year with the exception of traffic cases which decreased by 2,576 cases or 1 percent.

During the five-year period from FY 1984 through FY 1988, total dispositions increased by 19.2 percent or 89,503 cases. Dispositions in the civil jurisdiction decreased by 5.7 percent or 3,016 cases while small claims dispositions increased by 38,039 cases or 49 percent. Again, this decrease in civil cases can be attributed to the change in small claims jurisdiction and the shifting of cases between these two divisions of court. During the five-year period, traffic dispositions increased by 17.7 percent; criminal dispositions by 13.2 percent; and juvenile dispositions by 16.4 percent.

During FY 1988, 15 of the state's 67 district courts reduced their pending caseloads by disposing of more cases than were filed.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The municipal court is a court of limited jurisdiction established in each municipal corporation, except those which abolish their courts by ordinance in accordance with Section 12-14-1, **Code of Alabama**, 1975. Currently, there are 274 municipal courts which are served by 238 municipal judges.

The jurisdiction of the municipal court, generally, is as follows:

> Jurisdiction over all prosecutions for the breach of municipal ordinances within its police jurisdiction.
>
> Concurrent jurisdiction with the district court of all acts constituting misdemeanor offenses under state law committed within the police jurisdiction of the municipality which may be prosecuted as breaches of municipal ordinances.

Where a municipality elects to abolish its court, the jurisdiction of the court is transferred to the district court. The district court is required to hold sessions in those municipalities where the municipal court has been abolished and the population is over 1,000. Any municipality which has abolished its court may subsequently reestablish the municipal court by ordinance.

In FY 1988, one municipality abolished its municipal court. Seventy-nine municipalities now utilize the district courts for the adjudication of ordinance violations.

PROBATE COURT

The probate courts in Alabama have original and general jurisdiction over the probate of wills, the granting of letters testamentary, the rights of executorship, the settlement of accounts of executors and administrators, the sale of estate properties, the appointment and removal of guardians for minors and persons of unsound mind, guardianships allotments of dower and land, partition of lands with the respective county, and name changes. There is a probate court in every county. Several probate judges also serve as chairmen of their county commissions.

While constitutionally a part of the Alabama Judicial System, the probate courts are not included in the budget for the Alabama Judicial System and are administered locally by the respective probate judges. Funding for the probate courts is provided through the county governments or through fees generated in probate court.

JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

The Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court has the authority under the state constitution to assign active trial judges outside their circuits and retired trial judges to duty in the appellate, circuit, district and probate courts. The Supreme Court also has authority to designate attorneys to serve as special judges in these courts.

Active and retired judges may be assigned by the Chief Justice to hear specific cases in which incumbent judges recuse themselves or when circumstances require temporary service on the bench. In FY 1988, assignments for temporary service in all courts equaled 711 days. Active judges and attorneys, as well as retired judges, were assigned to hear 207 cases in circuit court, 72 cases in district court, and 8 cases in probate or municipal court during the year. Based on an average of two days per circuit court case and one day per district, probate, or municipal court case, these cases and temporary service assignments represent a total of 1,205 judge days or the equivalent of 5.3 additional judges' service to the state courts. Fifty-nine percent of these assignments were accepted by 54 active circuit judges and 39 active district judges; 20 percent were accepted by 23 retired judges; and 21 percent were accepted by 36 attorneys.

Periods of stand-by service are performed by judges and attorneys; however, as the service is not recorded, no statistics on length of service are available.

In addition to individual case assignments, temporary service, and stand-by service, retired judges have continued or accepted regular part-time assignments to circuit and district courts. Retired judges provide this assistance to the circuit courts in the 10th, 12th and 13th judicial circuits, as well as the district courts in Jefferson and Mobile counties. These judges may be called to the bench by the local presiding circuit judge whenever needed, and no separate statistics are available on the number of days they have served or the number of cases they helped to dispose.

Retired circuit judges continue to provide assistance to intermediate courts of appeal. During FY 1988, one retired circuit judge assisted the Court of Criminal Appeals, and two retired circuit judges assisted the Court of Civil Appeals.

Not included in the regular judge assignment statistics are the additional duties for selected district judges authorized by the Supreme Court; assignments of circuit and district judges within a circuit by the presiding circuit judge pursuant to Rule 13, **Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration**; assignment of attorneys to the district courts of Jefferson and Mobile counties by special order of the Supreme Court; or the appointments of referees or general masters by judges to hear specific cases under the authority granted in the **Code of Alabama 1975** and certain rules of court.

It should be noted that while on judicial assignment, neither active nor retired circuit and district judges receive additional salary or additional retirement compensation. They are reimbursed travel expenses as provided by statute for state employees.

Additional judge services, provided by active trial judges accepting out-of-circuit assignments and retired judges on active duty, provide direct benefits to the Alabama judiciary and the people of this state by helping to ensure that the dockets of courts throughout the state remain current.

CLERKS AND REGISTERS

There is an office of the circuit clerk in every county and in the Bessemer Division of the 10th Judicial Circuit. Circuit clerks are elected for a term of six years. The duties of the circuit clerks include the issuance of process and the maintenance of all court records as required by law or rule in their respective courts.

Separate registers offices for the processing of equity cases are located in 12 counties. These counties are Baldwin, Butler, Calhoun, DeKalb, Houston, Jefferson, Marion, Mobile, Morgan, Russell, Talladega, and Winston. In FY 1988, Margie McLeod, register in Lowndes County, retired. When incumbent registers leave office, their duties are, by law, assumed by the circuit court clerk.

The Supreme Court may authorize the appointment of a district court clerk who is responsible for issuance of process and the maintenance of all court records as required by law or rule in the district court. Separate district clerks' offices have been established in five counties. These counties are Calhoun, Cullman, Morgan, Mobile, and Tuscaloosa. Except as authorized by the Supreme Court, the circuit clerk serves as ex-officio clerk of the district court.

Judicial Discipline

Alabama has a two-tiered system for judicial discipline: The Judicial Inquiry Commission which investigates complaints brought against judges, and the Court of the Judiciary which hears charges brought by the Judicial Inquiry Commission.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION

The Judicial Inquiry Commission is the body which hears and investigates complaints brought against judges of the state. It has the authority to conduct investigations and receive or initiate complaints concerning any judge in the state judicial system. Where warranted, the commission may file a complaint with the Court of the Judiciary charging a judge with a violation of any canon of judicial ethics, misconduct in office, or failure to perform his duties. The commission may also charge that a judge is physically or mentally unable to perform his duties. The commission has subpoena power and the authority to appoint and direct its staff. Investigations of the commission are confidential.

The commission is composed of one appellate judge appointed by the Supreme Court, two circuit judges appointed by the Association of Circuit Judges, two attorneys appointed by the Board of Bar Commissioners, and two non-lawyer citizens appointed by the governor. Commission members are appointed for terms of four years and serve without pay.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION
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Fiscal Year 1988

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Judge, 23rd Judicial Circuit

During FY 1988, the Judicial Inquiry Commission considered 139 complaints which resulted in 18 investigations. Of the 139 complaints, 112 were without sufficient cause or basis; 17 were outside the jurisdiction of the commission; 4 complaints were resolved by the commission through meeting with the judge in question; 1 complaint was cancelled; 3 complaints were filed with the Court of Judiciary; and 2 complaints are pending.

Since its creation in 1973, the Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered 1,326 complaints. Of these complaints, 457 were without sufficient cause or basis; 751 were outside the jurisdiction of the commission; 13 complaints were canceled; 59 complaints were resolved by the commission through meeting with the judge in question; 16 were resolved in court action; and 5 complaints were resolved when the judge in question retired. Twenty-three complaints were resolved by the filing of formal charges with the Court of the Judiciary. Two complaints were pending at the end of FY 1988. The commission issued 26 advisory opinions in FY 1988.

COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

The Court of the Judiciary is a five-member body which hears complaints filed by the Judicial Inquiry Commission. The court is composed of one appellate judge who is selected by the Supreme Court and serves as chief judge of the court, two circuit judges appointed by the Association of Circuit Judges, and two members of the state bar appointed by the Board of Bar Commissioners.

COURT OF THE JUDICIARY
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Fiscal Year 1988

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Judge, 29th Judicial Circuit

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The court has the authority, after notice and public hearing, to remove from office, suspend without pay, censure, or apply such other sanctions as prescribed by law to any judge for a violation of a canon of judicial ethics, misconduct in office, or failure to perform his duties. The court may also suspend, with or without pay, or retire a judge who is physically or mentally unable to perform his duties. Decisions of the Court of the Judiciary may be appealed to the state Supreme Court which reviews the record of proceedings on the law and the facts. The Supreme Court adopts rules governing the procedures of the court. Counsel

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29th Judicial Circuit

for the prosecution of cases before the court is provided by the state attorney general's office. The clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals serves as secretary of the Court of the Judiciary.

Three complaints were filed with the court during FY 1988, and one was pending from FY 1987. Two were concluded with resignations; one with suspension without pay; and one by removal.

JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Alabama's Judicial Compensation Commission is a constitutional body charged with recommending the state salary and expense allowances to be paid all judges except municipal and probate judges.

The commission may submit a report to the legislature at any time within the first five calendar days of any session. To become effective, the report of the commission must be confirmed by a joint resolution of both houses. The legislature may, by act, alter the commission's recommendations.

The commission consists of five members appointed for terms of four years: one appointed by the governor; one by the president of the senate; one by the speaker of the house; and two by the Board of Bar Commissioners. Members of the Judicial Compensation Commission cannot hold any other public or political party office nor can they be eligible for appointment to any state judicial office while serving or within two years of serving on the commission.

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Fiscal Year 1988

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The commission issued a report to the legislature at its regular session and its first special session. The report to the regular session recommended a state salary of $63,750 for circuit judges. The report to the special session recommended that circuit judges receive a 5 percent pay increase on October 1, 1988, an 8 percent increase on October 1, 1989, and a 10 percent increase on October 1, 1990. The legislature did not adopt either report but did include judges in the 7.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment for state employees on October 1, 1988.

JUDICIAL STUDY COMMISSION

In 1971, the Alabama legislature created a study commission on the Alabama judicial system for the purpose of continuously studying "the judicial system of the state, the courts of the state, the administration of justice in Alabama, criminal rehabilitation, criminal punishment methods and procedures, and all matters relating directly or indirectly to the administration of justice in Alabama and [making] recommendations thereto."

The Judicial Study Commission is a 32-member body. Membership includes the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, the legal advisor to the governor, a member of the attorney general's staff, six members of the state senate, six members of the state house of representatives, and the members of the Judicial Conference. The Judicial Conference is composed of the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, two associate justices, a judge from each intermediate court of appeals, three circuit judges, two district judges, two municipal judges, three lawyers, and one probate judge.

The Chief Justice, who serves as chairman of the commission, has appointed an advisory section consisting of three clerks and registers, three district attorneys, and three law enforcement officials. Lane W. Mann, director of the Legal Division of the Administrative Office of Courts, has served as director of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission since his appointment by the Chief Justice in February 1987.

The annual meeting of the Judicial Study Commission was held in Birmingham in January 1988. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by the Prison Review Task Force of its findings and recommendations, which were endorsed by the commission. The task force, which was chaired by Allen L. Tapley, was praised for the outstanding work that was done to identify and address problems associated with prison overcrowding in Alabama.

Based on the success of the Prison Review Task Force, the commission unanimously resolved that a similar comprehensive study of the state's juvenile justice system be undertaken.

Also endorsed by the commission was a proposed rule of criminal procedure governing the recording of judgments in criminal cases. This proposal was presented by Judge Mark Kennedy, chairman of the Committee on Criminal Minutes. The commission also voiced its approval of a number of legislative proposals offered by the Court's Legislative Coordinating Council.

Other business of the commission included a review of caseload statistics and recommendations for additional judgeships. The commission also received status reports from the Child Support Enforcement Committee, the Interagency Committee on Youth, and the Indigent Defense Committee.

Judicial Administration

The Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court is the chief administrative officer of the state's court system and is authorized to appoint an administrative director of courts and other personnel to assist him in the performance of his administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of Courts, under the direction of the Administrative Director of Courts, is charged with providing the centralized, state level administrative support necessary for the operation of the state's court system; the development of improved procedures and systems to increase the operational capacity of the courts, and the collection and dissemination of information necessary for the development of policy to promote more efficient operation of the courts.

Following is a discussion of the responsibilities and accomplishments of the Administrative Office of Courts for FY 1988.

FINANCE DIVISION

The Finance Division is responsible for providing financial and administrative support to all operations in the Alabama Judicial System. The division's primary operational areas include expense accounting, purchasing, budgeting, and operational services.

Expense Accounting The expense accounting section manages the fiscal operations of the Alabama Judicial System. All accounting and processing of payrolls, claims for reimbursement, and other court expenditures are handled by this section. In FY 1988, 13,000 vouchers, 104 payrolls, and 1,400 items of equipment were processed. In addition, a payroll interface system was developed between the Administrative Office of Courts and the State Comptroller's office. The new interface system expedites the payroll process by allowing changes made to a computerized file to be transferred by tape to the Comptroller's office, thereby eliminating the subsequent need for keypunching at the Comptroller's office.

The section also maintains and verifies property inventory for the Alabama Judicial System. This year, the section maintained inventory control records on approximately 16,800 different items of equipment with a combined value of $10 million. In addition, approximately 570 items of equipment were transferred to surplus property.

The expense accounting section also has responsibility for payment of all petit and grand juror expenses as well as sequestered juror cost. A new juror payment system was implemented during this fiscal year. The new system provides for peg board accounting systems in nonautomated courts and computer pen-fed check writing capabilities in automated courts. The new system eliminates the need for preparation of monthly reports as juror check information is transferred automatically from computerized courts and the peg board system for nonautomated courts is designed to create a summary report as checks are written. The new system also reduces the number of bank accounts required to manage the payment of jurors. Annually, approximately 72,500 jurors are paid through the juror payment system.

The Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals utilized the same accounting systems as the Administrative Office; these systems are accessed through telecommunications lines. The financial staff also provides administrative and training suport in the daily operation of these systems.

Purchasing The purchasing section requisitions all supplies, forms, and equipment for the trial courts and the Administrative Office of Courts. The section processed approximately 13,600 procurement documents in FY 1988.

The purchasing section staff also provides technical assistance to courts in analyzing equipment needs, particularly in conjunction with courthouse renovations. Technical assistance includes on-site visits, coordination with architects and county commissioners, development of detailed specifications and standards, and preparation of written invitations to bid. During this fiscal year, technical assistance was provided to judges and officials in three judicial circuits.

Budgeting The budget section for the Administrative Office of Courts prepares the annual budget request for the trial courts and Administrative Office operations. Budget requests for the Supreme Court and courts of criminal and civil appeals are prepared by the respective courts.

Operation Services The primary responsibilities of the operation services sections are printing, office supply control, warehousing, vehicle maintenance, and telephone/postage services.

The Administrative Office's printing services continues to provide timely, quality printing services at a significant savings to the judicial system. During FY 1988, over 10.5 million impressions were printed, an increase of approximately 2.5 million or 23 percent over the previous year. In addition to performing routine and special printing projects for the Administrative Office and local courts, the section provides for the printing and shipping of all one-part standardized court forms and specialized court forms requested by individual courts. A computerized forms and publication request and inventory system was developed to allow more efficient use of print shop services, expedite the turnaround on printing orders, and ensure maintenance of an accurate inventory of reports and forms.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION

The Management Information Systems Division was created during FY 1988 to provide support in the area of data processing, personnel, and records and space management.

Data Processing The data processing section coordinates computerized court management services and data processing requirements with the state's trial courts which utilize statewide judicial information system (SJIS) network.

During FY 1988, the SJIS network was expanded to include the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County and Morgan County. The system now provides services for 12 court sites located throughout Alabama. These 12 courts process more than 50 percent of all criminal, civil, and traffic cases filed in the state. Court sites in Russell and Calhoun counties are currently in the process of being added to the network. Courts in these counties should be on line during the next fiscal year. In addition to the court site support, SJIS services are also provided to the Supreme court, the Administrative Office of Courts, and the Montgomery County juvenile facility. At the close of the fiscal year, the network contained over 4 million index records and 700,000 criminal, civil and traffic case records.

The Management Information Systems Division is also responsible for the collection, data entry, and distribution of caseload statistics for each of the circuit and district courts in the 67 counties. This data is verified for accuracy and is used to compile various management reports including manpower requirement reports and cost-per-jury trial statistics.

The division is also responsible for ensuring that updated master juror lists are sent to each county utilizing the picture driver license list as the source list for jury selection. Assistance was also provided courts in implementing requests for the computerized juror selection process.

During this fiscal year, a pilot project on remote access was completed in Jefferson County. The remote access pilot project allowed one of the larger law firms in Birmingham to have direct access to appropriate data on the SJIS system thereby eliminating the need for accessing through terminals located in the circuit clerk's office. A review of this study indicates that the pilot project was a success both with the circuit clerk's office and with the law firm. After development of suitable billing processes, this remote access capability may be offered to other law firms in the state.

Other projects implemented by the data processing section this year include:

Montgomery Restitution Project - provides summoning and tracking of restitution payments including preparation of dockets, notices, and arrest warrants.

Jefferson County Circuit Court Civil Division Docketing Program - includes setting docket dates, printing notices for court appearances, and printing of the judge's docket. This process eliminates the publication of several hundred copies of each judge's bar docket.

Indigent Defense Project - in cooperation with the State Comptroller's Office, provides the Administrative Office of Courts with frequent and updated statistics on the status of the state's indigent defense fund.

Driver License File Cleanup Project - undertaken in conjunction with the Court Assistance Division, provided for the correction of all county codes in the records of licensed drivers. This process will eliminate the summoning of jurors to counties other than the one in which they reside. In cooperation with the state Department of Public Safety, over 1.3 million records were researched.

Juror Payment System - allows on-line courts to issue juror payment checks and service certificates on-site and eliminates the need for submission of reconciliation reports.

Court Payment System - provides modifications to allow usage by different jurisdictions of court including juvenile court and civil garnishments.

Judicial Payroll System - provides for a tape payroll interface process with the State Comptroller's Office. The Administrative Office of Courts was the first office in Alabama to implement this process which eliminates the printed prepayrolls and the old handwritten procedures.

Personnel The personnel section provides personnel services for approximately 1,700 judicial system employees, including elected officials and merit and confidential employees in the trial and appellate courts. The section recruits applicants and conducts examinations for merit system positions. It also processes confidential appointments, separations, and other personnel actions. In addition, leave accounting, merit raises, and other fringe benefit programs are maintained.

This year the personnel section, in conjunction with Auburn University in Montgomery, initiated a revalidation project for the circuit clerk series written tests. These tests will be used to establish registers used in filling 776 merit positions. A total of 72 court clerks participated in the job analysis sessions held in Montgomery, and an additional 169 court clerks completed the follow-up job analysis questionnaires at regional sessions held in Montgomery, Mobile, Birmingham, Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa. The new test will be phased in beginning with the court clerk I class in January 1, 1989. Over 3,200 applicants and employees on the current open and promotional registers will be invited to retest.

In December 1987, state employees received longevity pay for the first time. The personnel section verified state service for those eligible for this bonus. FY 1988 also was the first year that official court reporters became eligible to join the state Employees Retirement System. The personnel section was responsible for certifying which of the 100 official court reporters elected to remain in the previous supernumerary program as opposed to joining the retirement system.

Records and Space Management One of the primary goals of the records and space management section is to assist the trial courts in the effective management of their records including records flow, records storage, records retention and schedule implementation, records security, equipment evaluations, and space management.

In February 1988, a revised trial court record retention schedule and a new juvenile court records retention schedule was distributed to appropriate judges, clerks and registers. These schedules provide for the destruction of records that have not previously been covered by any schedule or retention authority. Subsequent to the publishing of the new schedules, the section staff provided implementation assistance to 16 court sites. The schedule implementation assistance includes identification of records eligible for destruction, provision for destruction of such records at local landfills, and organization of records that must be retained. As a result of this assistance, 1,876 cubic feet of records were destroyed.

The records management section also provides assistance to courts in the area of improving management of record systems including records flow, records storage, records security, microfilming, equipment evaluations and space usage. During this fiscal year, 23 court sites received on-site evaluations.

The judicial micrographics program continues to provide additional space in clerks' offices, eliminates the cost of purchasing additional filing equipment, improves record security, and makes case files more acessible. During this fiscal year, Marshall County and the Mobile County register's office were added to the micrographic program. Currently, 17 court sites and the Supreme Court are participating in the judicial micrographics program. These court sites represent 54 percent of the case filings in the state. This year over 1.5 million images were filmed. These images represent 88,164 case files. As a result of microfilming, 573 cubic feet of records were destroyed.

The section staff also provides space management assistance to courts upon request. In FY 1988, assistance was provided in seven court sites. This assistance included interviewing local court personnel to determine office functions, measuring available space, inventorying equipment and furniture, submitting line drawings of recommended layouts, and providing narrative reports on the advantages and disadvantages of layout options.

COURT ASSISTANCE DIVISION

The Court Assistance Division is primarily responsible for providing support and technical assistance to the circuit and district courts in the area of case and jury management. The division prepares periodic reports for the Alabama Supreme Court on judicial manpower needs in the circuit and district courts and undertakes research on issues of key concern to the judicial system. During this fiscal year, major efforts focused on preparation for implementation of the weighted caseload system and verification of pending caseloads.

Case Management In 1987, the Supreme Court ordered that a weighted caseload system, as recommended by the circuit and district judges time standard/weighted caseload committees, be adopted as additional criteria for determining the need for additional judgeships or changes in judicial boundaries. To implement the weighted caseload system, significant changes were required in the caseload reporting system (CRS). In 1987, a committee of circuit and district court judges and clerks and registers was appointed to aid in developing uniform filing and reporting procedures. This committee provided assistance in developing preliminary plans for revision of the CRS system.The reformatted CRS report has been completed and will be placed into effect October 1, 1988.

The new weighted caseload system relies heavily on case reporting statistics submitted by the various courts. It was, therefore, necessary that the recorded statistics be as accurate as possible and that all pending caseloads be verified prior to implementation of the new system. During this fiscal year, division staff visited each clerk's and register's office to verify the pending caseload count. In the 62 noncomputerized court sites, the pending caseload was verified by manually counting all files or case action summary sheets. In the 12 computerized courts, the pending caseload was verified using a combination of manual and computerized counting.

The Court Assistance Division constantly monitors the status of case processing in the circuit and district courts. Where case processing problems are identified, the division staff contacts the appropriate officials and provides technical assistance as required. Semiannually, the division prepares special status reports on case actions. These reports detail any statistical trends which have been identified in case filings or dispositions. In addition, judges are provided a summary of caseload statistics for their individual courts. At the end of each fiscal year, the division prepares a more extensive summary of case activities. This summary includes an analysis of actions in each jurisdiction of the circuit and district court. Copies of this report are submitted to the individual courts as well as to the Supreme Court and the Alabama Judicial Study Commission.

The Court Assistance Division also provides technical assistance and conducts special case management studies for individual courts as requested by the presiding circuit judges or the Chief Justice. In FY 1988, assistance was provided to five courts; the circuit courts of Tuscaloosa and Shelby counties and the district courts of Etowah and Mobile counties and the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County. In Shelby County, criminal procedures were reviewed and recommendations for expediting the handling of criminal cases were submitted. In Tuscaloosa, the division staff reviewed docketing procedures for child support cases and made recommendations to expedite the review of these issues. In the district courts of Etowah County, Mobile County, and Jefferson County-Bessemer, assistance was provided to review Title IV-D child support procedures.

Jury Management The Court Assistance Division is also responsible for overseeing jury management procedures in the trial courts. Major work efforts this fiscal year included the further expansion of the one-step summoning system and the verification of juror addresses. During this fiscal year, the judges and jury commissions in Shelby, Clay, and Tuscaloosa counties elected to implement the one-step summoning process. As a result, a total of 57 counties participate in the one-step system.

The one-step juror summoning process utilizes the Department of Public Safety's driver license list. The DPS list includes a county identifier based on the individual's mailing address. This county identifier is used as a key in summoning jurors for court in the appropriate county. As an individual's county of residence may differ from the county indicated in the mailing address, the Court Assistance Division undertook a project to verify the county of residence for those individuals who were identified as living on postal delivery routes which crossed county lines. The division staff reviewed 177 zip codes which involved address checks on over one million potential jurors. Based on the information provided by the various U. S. Postal Offices, approximately 150,000 incorrect county identifiers were changed. In addition, post cards were sent to another 20,000 citizens to verify their correct county of resident. Approximately 8,400 citizens returned this verification correcting their county identifier or providing a new address. This project will ensure that new master juror lists reflect the most accurate and current listing of potential jurors.

Judge and Court Reporter Assignments The Court Assistance Division regularly assists the Chief Justice in the special assignment of judges to certain courts or cases as necessary because of judges' recusals or circumstances which require that another judge be temporarily assigned to that jurisdiction.

Court reporters are also assigned to assist retired and active judges when they are assigned outside of their local courts or when emergency situations prevent the regular court reporters' attendance.

Special Projects Court Assistance Division undertakes a variety of long and short-range projects designed to improve the administration of justice in Alabama. During FY 1988, the division directed studies in the area of indigent defense services, juvenile court services, child support enforcement, and assisted in the Prison Review Task Force project undertaken by the Administrative Office of Courts.

Indigent Defense Services Alabama utilizes a fair trial tax to provide funding for legal representation of indigent defendants. A fair trial tax is assessed on every criminal or quasi-criminal case and in every civil action. The State Comptroller's Office pays attorney claims from the Fair Trial Tax Fund. The Court Assistance Division staff monitors the revenues and disbursements of each county and circuit and provides periodic reports to the circuit and district judges on the status of the fair trial tax revenues and disbursements statewide and in their own jurisdiction.

Juvenile Court Services The Court Assistance Division coordinates provision of staff services to the juvenile courts and provides support for the Alabama Judicial Study Commission's Interagency Committee on Youth. During FY 1988, the Interagency Committee on Youth continued to sponsor projects in the area of truancy prevention and permanency planning. In addition, the committee sponsored its third Interagency Conference on Youth which was held in September 1988.

In January 1988, the **Alabama Judicial Study Commission** adopted the report of the Alabama Prison Review Task Force. In addition, the Judicial Study Commission urged that a similar study be undertaken of the juvenile justice system in Alabama. Plans for the development of this study are being prepared, and the juvenile study should be initiated in January 1989.

Child Support Enforcement The division staff works with the trial courts and the Alabama Department of Human Resources to ensure that the requirements of Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program are met.

The staff provides support to the Alabama Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Child Support Enforcement. During this fiscal year, the committee assisted in drafting Rule 35 of the **Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration** providing for expedited child support processes in those counties not granted an exemption from expedited procedures.

The division staff also worked with the Department of Human Resources in developing and sponsoring regional education programs on the use of the state's Child Support Guidelines as provided under Rule 32 of the **Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration.** In January 1988, regional educational sessions were held for judges, district attorneys, DHR personnel and attorneys, as well as members of the private bar. Regional seminars were held in Birmingham, Brewton, Montgomery, and Huntsville. Comments received from participants at these educational seminars were compiled and submitted to the Advisory Committee on Child Support Enforcement. The Committee incorporated these comments in their review of the implementation of the guidelines. Recommendations for possible modification of the guidelines will be submitted to the Supreme Court during the next fiscal year.

LEGAL DIVISION

The Legal Division of the Administrative Office of Courts provides the Administrative Director of Courts, directors and staff of the Administrative Office, and the Chief Justice with research and legal advice on matters associated with and affecting the formulation of policy and decisions regarding the operation and administration of the Alabama Judicial System.

The legal staff receives and responds to numerous inquiries on a daily basis from the public and from judges, clerks, and other officials and employees of state and local government. These inquiries cover a wide variety of topics and vary extensively as to the degree of difficulty and research time required for response. During FY 1988, it is estimated that the legal staff responded to over 5,000 such inquiries.

The Legal Division coordinates the preparation, review, and update of all AOC manuals and publications. In the past year, the Legal Division revised the **Child Support Enforcement Handbook,** assisted in the printing and distribution of the revised **Indictment and Warrant Manual,** and developed and distributed the **Circuit and District Judges' Sentencing Manual.** Preliminary planning and work has begun on a new juvenile procedures manual and substantial progress has been made on the revised **Manual of Standardized Court Forms** which should be ready for distribution in 1989.

The Legal Division also publishes **Legal Notes,** a monthly publication which includes an indexed summary of important points of law enunciated from selected opinions of Alabama's three appellate courts and the U. S. Supreme Court. The publication also includes synopses of selected Attorney General opinions and opinions of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and the Clerk of the Supreme Court. Selected Supreme Court Rules, as well as proposed rules, are included.

The legal staff drafts legislation recommended by the Judicial System Legislative Council and the Alabama Judicial Study Commission. The staff also reviews legislation introduced in each session of the legislature and prepares constitutional position papers on local legislation pertaining to the judiciary as required by Section 12-1-6, **Code of Alabama** 1975. Additionally, the legal staff prepares Attorney General opinion requests and works with the Examiners of Public Accounts on questions involving collection and accounting practices.

The legal staff assists the Chief Justice in determining the eligibility of judges making application for retirement and determines the eligibility of clerks, registers, and court reporters to assume supernumerary status. In FY 1988, the legal staff responded to questions and reviewed retirement applications for 23 retiring officials.

In the past year, the Legal Division represented the Administrative Office of Courts on claims filed with the Board of Adjustment and filed answers to two EEOC complaints - one was dismissed and one is pending. With regard to litigation filed against the Alabama Judicial System officials and employees in the past year, the Legal Division coordinated representation through the Attorney General's office on 35 separate suits.

Because the director of the Legal Di[illegible] is director of the Judicial Study Commission, this division also provides administrative and clerical support to the ongoing operations of this important statutory commission.

The Supreme Court requested that the Legal Division review each local fine schedule submitted for its approval pursuant to Rule 20(b), **ARJA**, and provide recommendations to the court. Pursuant to this request, the Legal Division reviewed and submitted recommendations to the court on seven local schedules. In addition, a master schedule has been developed which includes each offense sanctioned by the Supreme Court for inclusion in local schedules, along with each fine.

COURT RELATIONS DIVISION

The Court Relations Division, in conjunction with the Administrative Services Division, coordinates governmental relations with legislative and executive officials. In addition, the division serves as liaison with other national, state, and local groups in professional associations and develops all programs and publications designed to educate and inform the public.

During this fiscal year, the Court Relations Division coordinated staff efforts for the support of the Prison Review Task Force Project. The Prison Review Task Force was appointed by Chief Justice C. C. Torbert, Jr., in September 1987, to study the problem of prison overcrowding in Alabama and make recommendations for improvement. The division staff actively participated in making arrangements for all task force meetings, collecting information and data presented to the task force, and drafting the final report presented to the Alabama Judicial Study Commission.

The division maintains a tracking system of bills affecting the courts. A weekly **Legislative Digest** and a final summary of bills enacted by the legislature are distributed to all court officials.

JUDICIAL COLLEGE

The Alabama Judicial College, a division of the Administrative Office of Courts, is charged with sponsoring and coordinating initial and continuing education for judges, clerks, and other court officials and employees of the Alabama Judicial System. During FY 1988, the Judicial College sponsored 22 educational conferences which were attended by a total of 1,536 court officials and employees.

The highlight of the judicial education year was the Alabama Sentencing Institute which was held in May 1988 at the University of Alabama School of Law. The concept for this historical sentencing conference was inspired by the general findings of the Prison Review Task Force. The task force recommended additional educational opportunities for judges and probation officers to promote the implementation of uniform presentence investigation procedures, encourage the establishment of intervention and prevention services, and further ensure judicial consistency in sentencing statewide. The National Judicial College assisted the Alabama Judicial College in designing the institute curriculum to address the specific findings of the task force. Based on the success of the sentencing institute, the Judicial College will sponsor a second sentencing institute to be held during the next fiscal year for newly-elected judges as well as those judges who were unable to attend the 1988 program.

MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Municipal Court Operations Division provides administrative and educational assistance to 274 municipal courts throughout Alabama. In addition, the division administers the uniform traffic ticket and complaint program and coordinates the statewide driving under the influence (DUI) court referral program.

Municipal Court Services The Municipal Court Operations Division renders management assistance to municipal court judges, clerks and magistrates, and other municipal officials. The staff conducts record management studies and prepares recommendations for improvement of municipal court operations. On-site technical assistance and training are provided to municipal courts and police personnel on request of city officials.

During FY 1988, several handbooks were prepared for distribution to the municipal courts. These handbooks include: **Procedures for Handling Cash Bonds in Municipal Courts; Juvenile Traffic Cases; Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay; Municipal Court Forms Update;** and **Municipal Appeals Handbook.**

In cooperation with the Alabama Judicial College, the division provides orientation and continuing education programs for municipal judges and employees. The division also assists municipalities in abolishing and reestablishing their courts.

UTC Program The Municipal Court Operations Division has the responsibility for the design, distribution, and accountability of the uniform traffic ticket and complaint which is utilized by all law enforcement agencies in Alabama. With assistance from the Legal Division, the division staff updates the format and content of the traffic ticket each year as required by law or rule. Inherent in this responsibility is the requirement to review and revise the **UTC Manual** and answer questions from courts and other agencies regarding UTC procedures. In FY 1988, over 500,000 tickets were distributed to law enforcement agencies.

DUI Program Alabama's driving under the influence (DUI) court referral program was established in 1973. Three levels of education and treatment have been incorporated into the DUI program since its inception. Currently, 24 nonprofit agencies provide level I education programs at various locations throughout the state. These ten-hour schools are designed to provide instruction to individuals who are not identified as having a problem with alcohol.

The level II program consists of 24 hours of instruction coupled with identification of characteristics which contribute to problems with alcohol. In addition to introducing students to self-help groups, the level II schools maintain a one-year continuing care component to provide support to the defendant ond to monitor the student's progress for the courts. Currently, there are 26 level II schools conducted by 24 agencies in the state.

The level III phase of the DUI program is designed for those individuals who are found to have a serious problem with alcohol and/or drugs to the extent they need treatment in an alcohol/drug abuse treatment facility. Following completion of the prescribed treatment program, these defendants are required to complete the level I program and are placed on probation by the judge for two years. During this time, the defendants must remain active in the treatment programs continuing care group.

All DUI schools and instructors are certified by the Administrative Office of Courts. All alcohol and drug abuse programs in the public and private sector which are certified by the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and which meet their minimum standards are approved by the Administrative Office of Courts for treatment of level III defendants.

During FY 1988, the division staff made on-site visits to evaluate all court referral programs and to assist program staff in making appropriate changes. A comprehensive examination was conducted of each agency's policy and procedures, student files, referral records, instructor records, and financial management and general administrative procedures. Additionally, individual group training sessions were provided for local judges and court and police officials of referral procedures and the scope of services available.

In 1986, the Administrative Office of Courts instituted the court referral officer (CRO) program. The CRO program is an innovative approach to the evaluation and proper referral of alcohol/drug related offenders. Currently, Alabama has 25 CROs serving 38 counties. The CROs provide the judicial system with trained individuals to evaluate DUI offenders as well as any offender arrested for crimes directly or indirectly related to substance abuse. Following this evaluation, recommendations are made for appropriate education and treatment services for the defendant, and referrals are made to these programs. The CROs also monitor each defendant's progress in complying with such court orders.

The Administrative Office of Courts has received a grant from the State Justice Institute to expand the CRO services to all counties in Alabama.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure

Rule 5 (d)	Service and Filing of Pleadings and other Papers, (d) Filings, **Alabama Reporter**, 517 So.2d LVII-LVIII, effective February 1, 1988.
Rule 27	Discovery Before Action or Pending Appeal, Amendment to Committee Comment, **Alabama Reporter** 520 So.2d XLIII-XLIV, effective April 5, 1988.

Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration

Rule 1 thru 34	Amendments to Rules of Judicial Administration, **Alabama Reporter**, 509 So.2d, LVIII-CXXX, effective October 1, 1987.
Rule 18.I (A)(2)(b)	Magistrates, **Alabama Reporter**, 527 So.2d No. 4, 528 So.2d No. 1, LXXVII, effective July 25, 1988.
Rule 35	Expedited Process for Child Support Determinations, **Alabama Reporter**, 527 So.2d No. 4, 528 So.2d No. 1, LXXVII-LXXXI, effective July 25, 1988.

Alabama Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar

Rule IV	Persons Entitled to Admission by Examination, **Alabama Reporter**, 509 So.2d CXXXI-CXXXII, effective October 20, 1987.
Rule IIC	Filing Deadlines, **Alabama Reporter**, 517 So.2d LX, effective October 31, 1988.

Alabama State Bar Client Security Fund Rules

Rule I. thru XVI.	Proceedings Conducted Upon Applications for Reimbursement from the Client Security Fund of the Alabama State Bar, **Alabama Reporter**, 506 So.2d, LXXII-LXXIX, effective October 1, 1987.
Rule VIII	Assessment of Annual Fee, **Alabama Reporter**, 520 So.2d, XLV-XLVI, effective March 30, 1988.

Code of Professional Responsibility of the Alabama State Bar

Dr 9-102.	Preserving Identity of Funds and Property of a Client, **Alabama Reporter**, 506 So.2d LXVIII-LXXI, effective October 1, 1987.
EC 9-7	Appendix B, Code of Professional Responsibility of the Alabama State Bar, **Alabama Reporter**, 506, So.2d, LXXI, effective October 1, 1987.

Weighted Caseload System

Weighted Caseload System, **Alabama Reporter**, 527 So.2d No. 4, 528 So.2d No.1, LXXXVI-XC, effective June 21, 1988.

Unified Judicial System's Records Retention Schedule

Amendment to Records Retention Schedule, **Alabama Reporter**, 527 So.2d No.4, 528 So.2d No. 1, XCI, effective July 22, 1988.

Act 88-226
Juveniles: Once Transferred, Always Transferred
Effective date: June 6, 1988

This act amends §§12-15-1, 12-15-33 and 12-15-34 relating to the juvenile court's jurisdiction to provide that a child 14 years of age or older may be transferred by the juvenile court for prosecution as an adult for any crime. Prior to amendment, §12-15-34 only authorized transfer if the charged crime was a felony.

Act 88-226 further provides that no additional probable cause hearing is required in criminal court after a transfer hearing is conducted in juvenile court, and that once a juvenile is transferred for criminal prosecution and is convicted, the juvenile court's jurisdiction terminates over such child with respect to subsequent criminal acts or pending allegations of deliquency which have not been disposed of by the juvenile court.

Act 88-163
Convict "Boot Camp" Act/Amendment to Split-Sentence Statute
Effective date: April 7, 1988

This act amends Alabama's split-sentencing statute to specifically provide that trial courts retain jurisdiction over any defendant sentenced under the act and may suspend the minimum sentence and place the defendant on probation, modify or revoke any condition of probation or change the probationary period, regardless of whether the defendant has begun serving the minimum period of confinement ordered. The act also provides that any defendant sentenced pursuant to the split-sentence statute shall be ineligible to receive "good time" credit under Alabama's Correctional Incentive Time Act during the minimum confinement period.

Act 88-163 establishes a "boot camp" disciplinary/rehabilitation program under the operation of the Department of Corrections, to which trial judges may commit any defendant sentenced to 15 years or less, after consultation with the Commissioner. Participation in such program shall be according to departmental rules and regulations and for a period of time not less than 90 nor more than 180 days. The Commissioner or his designee is required to report to the sentencing court regarding the defendant's completion of the program. Certain serious offenders are ineligible to participate in the boot camp program.

Act 88-581
Criminal Psychopath Release Restriction Act
Effective date: May 10, 1988

This act provides that a criminal defendant found not guilty by reason of insanity or not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect and committed to the custody of the Department of Mental Health or other facility pursuant to §15-16-43, shall not be released from custody except by court order.

Although this act should be reviewed in its entirety, the basic provisions are:

1. Written notice must be sent by the Department of Mental Health to the committing court advising when in their opinion, the defendant is no longer mentally ill or no longer poses a real or present threat of substantial harm to himself or others by being at large, with or without conditions imposed upon his release.
2. Unless the Department, the court, the district attorney, the regional or community mental health facility which is or may be involved with the defendant upon his release, the defendant or his guardian/attorney stipulate to an order of release, **the court must set a hearing within 30 days of its receipt of the notice.**
3. The court is required to give notice of the hearing date to the department and all parties necessary for stipulation in 2. above.
4. "Where the defendant does not have an attorney, the court shall appoint him one for purposes of the hearing. Payment of appointed counsel for indigent defendants shall be at the same rates and with the same limitations as would apply if the hearing were a criminal prosecution."
5. If a hearing is not held within 60 days of the notice, the defendant will be "released forthwith unless for good cause shown the hearing is continued for a reasonable time."
6. If the court determines that the defendant is still mentally ill but no longer poses a real and present threat of substantial harm to himself or to others by being at large, conditional release may be granted. A list of conditions which may be imposed upon release is included in the act, but appears not to be exclusive.
7. The court order must direct "the appropriate agencies or persons to submit periodic reports regarding the defendant's compliance with the conditions of release and progress in treatment."
8. After conducting a hearing, the court is authorized to modify any conditions or order the defendant to be returned to the Department of Mental Health for further treatment if the defendant has failed to comply with the conditions ordered or if his/her condition has deteriorated to the point that in-patient care is required. Any such hearing must be preceded by notice to the department.
9. Removal of conditions and termination of jurisdiction for those defendants who "pose a real and present threat of substantial harm to themselves or others" is authorized after a hearing, conducted after notice is sent to the department.

Act 88-654
Reasonable Insanity Test Act of 1988
Effective date: May 13, 1988

This act amends §13A-3-1, **Code of Alabama** 1975, relating to the defense of insanity or mental disease or defect, to specify that it is an affirmative defense which must be proven by the defendant through "clear and convincing evidence" and to redefine the test for insanity as follows:

> "(a) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution for any crime that, at the time of the commission of the acts constituting the offense, the defendant, as a result of severe mental disease or defect, was unable to appreciate the nature and quality or wrongfulness of his acts. Mental disease or defect does not otherwise constitute a defense."

The new test provided by this act and the "clear and convincing" evidentiary standard which the defendant bears in proving such defense only "applies to conduct occurring after" the effective date of the act (5/13/88). Conduct occurring before 5/13/88 will be governed by pre-existing law.

Act 88-294
Exemptions, Garnishment Maximums
Effective date: April 12, 1988

This act provides that for garnishment after judgement as respects consumer loans, consumer credit sales and consumer leases (§15-19-5), the amount subject to garnishment shall not exceed the lesser of:

1. 25%, as opposed to 20%, of weekly disposable earnings or
2. The amount by which disposable earnings exceed 30 instead of 50, times the federal minimum hourly wage in effect when payable.

This act provides that wages, salaries or compensation under §6-10-6 are not exempt from execution. This act further provides in §6-10-37 no claim for exemption shall exceed the greater of the amount authorized by the Alabama Constitution of 1901 or by federal law.

Act 88-548
Twenty-Five Year Retirement
Effective the 1st day of the month following certification by Retirement System's actuary and employer election

This act amends §§16-25-14(a), 16-25-15(b), 36-27-16(a), 36-27-16(c) and 36-27B-3, **Code of Alabama** 1975, relating to teachers and state employees retirement so as to provide for service retirement after completion of 25 years of creditable service without a reduction in retirement benefits. There is an express provision within the act that such benefits shall only become effective upon certification of the System's actuary that implementation can be achieved without increasing the employer cost rate. The employer must also elect to come under the provisions of the act.

Act 88-598 also deletes the mandatory age 70 retirement provisions in the teachers' and employees' retirement system to conform with federal anti-discrimination requirements.

Act 88-164
District Judges' Retirement
Effective date: April 7, 1988

This act amends §12-18-58 regarding district judges' retirement to provide that district judges' retirement benefits shall be calculated as 75% of the salary payable to district judges on the date of retirement after October 1, 1986, and to further provide that such retired judges shall be entitled to receive increases in their retirement benefits equal to any cost-of-living raise authorized by the legislature for retired state employees.

Act 88-164 also amends §12-18-55 to provide that any district judge who is 70 years of age and has served for 10 years, regardless of whether such service is continuous, shall be eligible to retire. District judges spousal benefits equal to 3% per year of service (not to exceed 30%) of the judge's state salary is authorized, and such increase is applicable to any spouse of a district judge now receiving spousal benefits, who may have become entitled to such benefits while the bill was pending or becomes eligible after the effective date of the act.

Act 88-262
Legal Services Liability Act
Effective date: April 12, 1988

This act establishes an exclusive cause of action for all injuries or damages caused by a "legal service provider" which is defined in Section 32 as:

> "Anyone licensed to practice law by the State of Alabama or engaged in the practice of law in the State of Alabama. The term legal service provider includes professional corporations, associations and partnerships and the members of such professional corporations, associations, and partnerships and the persons, firms or corporations either employed by or performing work or services for the benefit of such professional corporations, associations and partnerships including, without limitation, law clerks, legal assistants, legal secretaries, investigators, paralegals and couriers."

In addition, the act, among other things, establishes applicable standards of care, time periods within which actions must be commenced, and an arbitration procedure through which disputes can be settled.

Act 88-538
Interpreters for Judicial Proceedings
Effective date: May 5, 1988

This act amends §12-21-131, **Code of Alabama** 1975, to provide in part, procedures by which interpreters shall be appointed in cases before any court or grand jury for parties and witnesses who are deaf or defective in their hearing and speech. It also provides for the admissibility of statements by deaf persons taken into custody for any alleged violation of a criminal law of this state.

In addition, this act provides for the fees and expenses of interpreters, and when appointed by a court, requires that such shall be paid out of the state general fund from "Court Costs Not Otherwise Provided For."

Act 88-88
Absentee Election Managers
Effective date: March 11, 1988

This bill amends §17-10-13, **Code of Alabama** 1975, to provide that only circuit clerks who are candidates with opposition shall be disqualified from serving as absentee election managers. The bill also requires that the circuit clerk notify the presiding circuit judge at least 55 days prior to the election of his candidacy and whether or not he has opposition.

The bill also amends §17-10-14, **Code of Alabama** 1975, to provide that the absentee election manager shall be paid not less than $15 nor more than $25 per day as compensation for serving as absentee election manager. The amount paid is determined by the county commission and covers the 45-day period prior to and on the day of the election for which the services are required.

Act 88-907
Prohibit Employment of State or County Inmates
Effective date: September 30, 1988

This Act prohibits any state or county inmate from being employed by or doing work for any district attorney, judge or sheriff or for any parent, sibling or child of any district attorney, judge or sheriff for any business one-third or more of which is owned by any of the above. Any person who violates this act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Act 88-785
Tax on Illegal Drugs
Effective date: November 1, 1988

This Act imposes a tax on marijuana and controlled substances and prescribes monetary penalties for violations. The Act also provides for assessments against dealers not possessing stamps or other evidence that the tax has not been paid as well as collection procedures.

Any dealer who fails to affix appropriate stamps, labels, or other indicia is guilty of a Class C felony.

Act 88-916
DUI Criminally Negligent Homicide - Class C Felony
Effective date: September 30, 1988

This Act amends §13A-6-4(c) to provide:

"(c) Criminally negligent homicide is a Class A misdemeanor, except in cases in which said criminally negligent homicide is caused by the driver of a motor vehicle who is driving in violation of the provisions of §32-5A-191, **Code of Alabama** 1975; in such cases criminally negligent homicide is a Class C felony."

Act 88-945
Prohibit Discharge of Weapons Across Highways, etc.
Effective date: September 30, 1988

This act amends §9-11-257, **Code of Alabama** 1975, to provide that any person except a duly authorized law enforcement officer is prohibited from hunting or discharging a firearm upon or across any public road, public highway, or railroad, on the rights-of-way of any public road, public highway, or railroad, logging railroad excepted. Any person violating these provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than $250 and for second and subsequent offenses, by a fine of not less than $500 and have all hunting license privileges revoked for one year from date of conviction.

Act 88-871
Employees and Officials Cost-of-Living Increase
Effective date: October 1, 1988

This act provides a 7½% cost-of-living salary increase for most state employees, including employees and officials of the Judicial Department.

Act 88-873
Fair Campaign Practices Act
Effective date: September 27, 1988

This act repeals the Corrupt Practices Act codified at Chapter 22 of Title 17, **Code of Alabama** 1975. The reporting requirements for contributions and expenditures have retroactive effect to July 1, 1988, and as such, will apply in the November 8, 1988 general election. In addition, on or before January 31, 1989, and annually thereafter, all candidates and current officeholders are required to file annual reports detailing contributions and expenditures received or made during the preceding year.

Criminal penalties are established for violation of any provisions of the Act and for failure to file any required statement or report, a certificate of election cannot be issued to persons elected or nominated to state or local offices, and, if issued, such certificate shall be revoked.

Act 88-953
General Fund Appropriations
Effective date: October 1, 1988

This act makes appropriations for 1988-89 for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of state government. The appropriations for the judicial department are as follows:

Court of Civil Appeals	$ 1,156,729
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,729,106
Judicial Inquiry Commission	120,000
Judicial Retirement Fund	1,524,500
Supreme Court	4,455,494
Unified Judicial System	61,448,108

Roster Of Judicial Officials

September 30, 1988

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

Clement Clay Torbert, Jr., Chief Justice
Alva Hugh Maddox, Associate Justice
Richard L. Jones, Associate Justice
Reneau Pearson Almon, Associate Justice
Janie Ledlow Shores, Associate Justice
Samuel Alston Beatty, Associate Justice
Oscar William Adams, Jr., Associate Justice
James Gorman Houston, Jr., Associate Justice
Henry B. Steagall, II, Associate Justice
Robert G. Esdale, Clerk

ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

William M. Bowen, Jr., Presiding Judge
John Caius Tyson, III, Judge
Sam W. Taylor, Judge
John M. Patterson, Judge
Henry W. McMillan, Jr., Judge
Mollie Sue Jordan, Clerk

ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

Robert P. Bradley, Presiding Judge
Richard L. Holmes, Judge
Kenneth F. Ingram, Judge
John H. Wilkerson, Jr., Clerk

APPELLATE COURT OFFICIALS

William C. Younger, Marshal/State Law Librarian
George E. Smith, Reporter of Decisions

FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Choctaw, Clarke, and Washington Counties

Circuit Judges
Hardie B. Kimbrough, Presiding Circuit Judge
J. Richmond Pearson, Circuit Judge

Choctaw County
Don P. Scurlock, III, District Judge
Donald R. Gibson, Circuit Clerk

Clarke County
Harold L. Crow, District Judge
S. A. Armistead, Circuit Clerk

Washington County
James T. Baxter, District Judge
Leo Howard, Circuit Clerk

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Butler, Crenshaw, and Lowndes Counties

Circuit Judge
Arthur E. Gamble, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge

Butler County
Vacant, District Judge
Bobby T. Branum, Circuit Clerk
Maxine D. Steindorff, Register

Crenshaw County
William R. King, District Judge
Ann W. Tate, Circuit Clerk

Lowndes County
A. Ted Bozeman, District Judge
Bruce Davis, Circuit Clerk

THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Barbour and Bullock Counties

Circuit Judge
William H. Robertson, Presiding Circuit Judge

Barbour County
Jack W. Wallace, Jr., District Judge
David S. Nix, Circuit Clerk

Bullock County
Dwight Hixon, District Judge
Curtis J. Elzie, Circuit Clerk

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, and Wilcox Counties

Circuit Judges
J. C. Norton, Presiding Circuit Judge
Charles A. Thigpen, Circuit Judge

Bibb County
James M. White, District Judge
R. L. Foster, Circuit Clerk

Dallas County
Nathaniel Walker, District Judge
William A. Kynard, Circuit Clerk

Hale County
William A. Ryan, District Judge
Sandra J. Livingston, Circuit Clerk

Perry County
Richard M. Avery, Jr., District Judge
Mary G. Auburtin, Circuit Clerk

Wilcox County
Jo Celeste Pettway, District Judge
Willie L. Powell, Circuit Clerk

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Chambers, Macon, Randolph, and Tallapoosa Counties

Circuit Judges
James A. Avary, Presiding Circuit Judge
Howard F. Bryan, IV, Circuit Judge
Phillip Dale Segrest, Circuit Judge

Chambers County
Joel G. Holley, District Judge
Stella A. Pierce, Circuit Clerk

Macon County
Aubrey Ford, Jr., District Judge
Eddie Dean Mallard, Circuit Clerk

Randolph County
Joe T. Burns, District Judge
J. Hardy Hendon, Circuit Clerk

Tallapoosa County
John P. Oliver, District Judge
Ruth Johnson, Circuit Clerk

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Tuscaloosa County

John M. Karrh, Presiding Circuit Judge
Jerome B. Baird, Circuit Judge
Joseph A. Colquitt, Circuit Judge
Paul S. Conger, Jr., Circuit Judge
Thomas S. Wilson, Circuit Judge
James C. Guin, III, District Judge
Gay M. Lake, Jr., District Judge
Doris T. Turner, Circuit Clerk
Elizabeth B. Hamner, District Clerk

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Calhoun and Cleburne Counties

Circuit Judges
Malcolm B. Street, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Jack W. Hughes, Circuit Judge
Samuel H. Monk, III, Circuit Judge
Harold G. Quattlebaum, Circuit Judge

Calhoun County
R. Allen Crow, District Judge
John W. Norton, District Judge
Larry F. Warren, District Judge
Richard Forrest Dobbins, Circuit Clerk
Barbara A. Swift, Register
Marie S. Tidwell, District Clerk

Cleburne County
Larry E. Pilgrim, District Judge
Horace D. Perry, Circuit Clerk

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Morgan County

Richard L. Hundley, Presiding Circuit Judge
C. Bennett McRae, Jr., Circuit Judge
Rudolph W. Slate, Circuit Judge
David H. Bibb, District Judge
David J. Breland, District Judge
Cleo D. Teague, Circuit Clerk
Gaynell L. Hall, Register
Melba S. Dutton, District Clerk

NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Cherokee and DeKalb Counties

Circuit Judges
Randall L. Cole, Presiding Circuit Judge
Davis A. Rains, Circuit Judge

Cherokee County
John D. Coggin, District Judge
Jerry G. Trammell, Circuit Clerk

DeKalb County
Lee C. Traylor, District Judge
Jimmy V. Lindsey, Circuit Clerk
Gloria R. Fortson, Register

TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jefferson County

John N. Bryan, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge

Birmingham Division
Joe G. Barnard, Circuit Judge
C. W. Callaway, Jr., Circuit Judge
Jack D. Carl, Circuit Judge
Marvin Cherner, Circuit Judge
William H. Cole, Circuit Judge
Charles R. Crowder, Circuit Judge
James S. Garrett, Circuit Judge
Arthur J. Hanes, Jr., Circuit Judge
James H. Hard, IV, Circuit Judge
Claude B. Hughes, Circuit Judge
William A. Jackson, Circuit Judge
Joseph J. Jasper, Circuit Judge
Howard Stuart Leach, Circuit Judge
Josh Mullins, Circuit Judge
Charles J. Najjar, Circuit Judge
Charles M. Nice, Jr., Circuit Judge
J. Richmond Pearson, Circuit Judge
N. Daniel Rogers, Jr., Circuit Judge
P. Wayne Thorn, Circuit Judge
Wadell C. Zanaty, Jr., Circuit Judge
John H. Alsbrooks, Jr., District Judge
Quentin Q. Brown, Jr., District Judge
Donald R. Cruse, District Judge
Orson L. Johnson, District Judge
Michael W. McCormick, District Judge
Jack Montgomery, District Judge
Sandra H. Ross, District Judge
Gerald S. Topazi, District Judge
Polly Conradi, Circuit Clerk
D. L. Cockrell, Register

Bessemer Division
Daniel J. Reynolds, Jr., Senior Circuit Judge
Ralph D. Cook, Circuit Judge
Roger D. Halcomb, Circuit Judge
Ralph E. Coleman, Jr., District Judge
James W. Patton, III, District Judge
Vincent J. Schilleci, Jr., District Judge
J. B. Vines, Circuit Clerk

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Lauderdale County

J. Edward Tease, Presiding Circuit Judge
Leslie G. Johnson, Circuit Judge
N. Michael Suttle, Circuit Judge
Deborah B. Paseur, District Judge
Kenneth C. Austin, Circuit Clerk

TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Coffee and Pike Counties

Circuit Judges
Terry L. Butts, Presiding Circuit Judge
Riley P. Green, Jr., Circuit Judge
Gary L. McAliley, Circuit Judge

Coffee County
Thomas E. Head, III, District Judge
James C. Ellis, Circuit Clerk

Pike County
William G. Hightower, District Judge
William C. Stone, Circuit Clerk

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Mobile County

Ferrill D. McRae, Presiding Circuit Judge
John F. Butler, Circuit Judge
Robert L. Byrd, Jr., Circuit Judge
Charles H. Dodson, Jr., Circuit Judge
Douglas I. Johnstone, Circuit Judge
Robert G. Kendall, Circuit Judge
Cain J. Kennedy, Circuit Judge
Braxton Kittrell, Circuit Judge
Edward B. McDermott, Circuit Judge
Michael E. Zoghby, Circuit Judge
Nicholas Kearney, District Judge
Lionel L. Layden, District Judge
Dominick J. Matranga, District Judge
Michael E. McMaken, District Judge
Maurice W. Castle, Jr., Circuit Clerk
W. Elsworth Haughton, Register
George W. Edgar, District Clerk

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Walker County

Horace H. Nation, III, Presiding Circuit Judge
James C. Brotherton, Circuit Judge
James E. Wilson, Circuit Judge
Larry E. Lapkovitch, District Judge
John L. Madison, Jr., District Judge
Sylvester Anton, Circuit Clerk

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Montgomery County

H. Randall Thomas, Presiding Circuit Judge
John W. Davis, III, Circuit Judge
Richard H. Dorrough, Circuit Judge
William R. Gordon, Circuit Judge
H. Mark Kennedy, Circuit Judge
Joseph D. Phelps, Circuit Judge
Charles Price, Circuit Judge
Lynn Clardy Bright, District Judge
Sarah M. Greenhaw, District Judge
Craig Miller, District Judge
Debra P. Hackett, Circuit Clerk

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Etowah County

Julius S. Swann, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
William W. Cardwell, Jr., Circuit Judge
William H. Rhea, III, Circuit Judge
Donald W. Stewart, Circuit Judge
Robert E. Lewis, District Judge
Charles W. Owen, District Judge
Billy S. Yates, Circuit Clerk

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Greene, Marengo, and Sumter Counties

Circuit Judge
Claud D. Neilson, Presiding Circuit Judge

Greene County
Richard L. Osborne, District Judge
Mary Etta Snoddy, Circuit Clerk

Marengo County
C. Kendall Snow, District Judge
Dewaine L. Sealy, Circuit Clerk

Sumter County
Eddie D. Hardaway, Jr., District Judge
G. Ronald Harwell, Circuit Clerk

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Shelby, Coosa, and Clay Counties

Circuit Judges
Robert R. Armstrong, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
D. Al Crowson, Circuit Judge
John E. Rochester, Circuit Judge

Clay County
George C. Simpson, District Judge
Robert Giddens, Ciruit Clerk

Coosa County
Robert J. Teel, Jr., District Judge
Gerald D. Parker, Circuit Clerk

Shelby County
Patricia M. Smith, District Judge
Kyle Lansford, Circuit Clerk

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Autauga, Chilton, and Elmore Counties

Circuit Judges
Walter C. Hayden, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
John B. Bush, Circuit Judge

Autauga County
Phillip W. Wood, District Judge
Fred Posey, Circuit Clerk

Chilton County
Marise Mims Sandidge, District Judge
Eloise W. Mims, Circuit Clerk

Elmore County
Thomas P. Stowe, Jr., District Judge
John L. Lazenby, Circuit Clerk

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Henry and Houston Counties

Circuit Judges
Michael Crespi, Presiding Circuit Judge
Sidney E. Jackson, Circuit Judge
Billie Joe Sheffield, Circuit Judge

Henry County
Joseph J. Masters, District Judge
Connie J. Burdeshaw, Circuit Clerk

Houston County
Denny Holloway, District Judge
William D. McFatter, District Judge
Julia L. Trant, Circuit Clerk
Elizabeth A. Cummings, Register

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Escambia County

Joseph B. Brogden, Presiding Circuit Judge
Bradley E. Byrne, Circuit Judge
Gordon R. Batson, District Judge
James D. Taylor, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Covington County

F. Murland Smith, Presiding Circuit Judge
William H. Baldwin, Circuit Judge
Charles T. Morris, District Judge
F. Ray Bozeman, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Madison County

John David Snodgrass, Presiding Circuit Judge
Daniel B. Banks, Jr., Circuit Judge
Jeri W. Blankenship, Circuit Judge
William D. Page, Circuit Judge
C. Lynwood Smith, Jr., Circuit Judge
Thomas N. Younger, Circuit Judge
Edward D. Fay, Jr., District Judge
Hartwell B. Lutz, District Judge
Billy D. Harbin, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Fayette, Lamar, and Pickens Counties

Circuit Judge
Clatus K. Junkin, Presiding Circuit Judge

Fayette County
David M. Enslen, District Judge
James E. Renfroe, Ciruit Clerk

Lamar County
Vacant, District Judge
Carl F. Woods, Circuit Clerk

Pickens County
Thomas B. Woodard, IV, District Judge
James E. Floyd, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Marion and Winston Counties

Circuit Judges
Carlton Mayhall, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Bobby R. Aderholt, Circuit Judge

Marion County
James C. Cashion, District Judge
Pride Gann, Circuit Clerk
Willouise Harper, Register

Winston County
Robert Burleson, District Judge
Christine Little, Circuit Clerk
Joyce Martin, Register

TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Russell County

Paul J. Miller, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Wayne T. Johnson, Jr., Circuit Judge
George R. Greene, District Judge
Albert L. Johnson, District Judge
Devon Kiker, Circuit Clerk
Carol Kiker, Register

TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Marshall County

W. G. Gullahorn, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
William D. Jetton, Circuit Judge
Byron N. Waldrop, District Judge
Jean A. Scott, Circuit Clerk

TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Baldwin County

Harry J. Wilters, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Thomas B. Norton, Circuit Judge
Charles C. Partin, Circuit Judge
Arthur C. Epperson, District Judge
Phyllis S. Nesbit, District Judge
Eunice B. Blackmon, Circuit Clerk
Eunice G. Tindal, Register

TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Talladega County

William C. Sullivan, Presiding Circuit Judge
Jerry L. Fielding, Circuit Judge
John W. Coleman, District Judge
William E. Robertson, District Judge
Samuel L. Grice, Circuit Clerk
Joe W. Ingram, Register

THIRTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Blount and St. Clair Counties

Circuit Judges
H. E. Holladay, Presiding Circuit Judge
Carl D. NeSmith, Circuit Judge

Blount County
Robert E. Austin, District Judge
John Bobby Green, Circuit Clerk

St. Clair County
James B. Embry, Jr., District Judge
Stan H. Downey, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Colbert County

Inge P. Johnson, Presiding Circuit Judge
N. Pride Tompkins, Circuit Judge
George E. Carpenter, District Judge
C. Phillip Bowling, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Cullman County

Jack C. Riley, Presiding Circuit Judge
Fred C. Folsom, Circuit Judge
James W. Tucker, District Judge
Robert G. Bates, Circuit Clerk
Jeanell Raney, District Clerk

THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Dale and Geneva Counties

Circuit Judges
P. Ben McLauchlin, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
Charles L. Woods, Circuit Judge

Dale County
Val L. McGee, District Judge
Fred R. Steagall, District Judge
Bettye B. Garrett, Circuit Clerk

Geneva County
George A. Black, District Judge
Veleria H. Thomley, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Franklin County

John D. Jolly, Presiding Circuit Judge
Joe Gilliland, District Judge
Joe Newton, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Conecuh and Monroe Counties

Circuit Judge
Robert E. L. Key, Presiding Circuit Judge

Conecuh County
Sue Bell, District Judge
Jean E. Riley, Circuit Clerk

Monroe County
Samuel H. Welch, Jr., District Judge
John M. Sawyer, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Lawrence County

Billy C. Burney, Presiding Circuit Judge
Randel H. Mullican, District Judge
William L. Smith, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Lee County

James T. Gullage, Presiding Circuit Judge
Robert M. Harper, Circuit Judge
Richard D. Land, District Judge
Michael A. Nix, District Judge
Annette H. Hardy, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Jackson County

W. Loy Campbell, Presiding Circuit Judge
Robert L. Hodges, Circuit Judge
Ralph H. Grider, District Judge
Leonard V. Griggs, Circuit Clerk

THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Limestone County

Henry W. Blizzard, Jr., Presiding Circuit Judge
George T. Craig, District Judge
Frances, H. Rogers, Circuit Clerk

Appointments, Retirements And Resignations

APPELLATE COURTS

There were no changes in officials during Fiscal Year 1987-1988.

CIRCUIT JUDGES

Appointments	**Effective Date**
Jack Hughes, Seventh Circuit	February 4, 1988
Sidney E. Jackson, Twentieth Circuit	November 13, 1987

Resignations	**Effective Date**
W. W. Rabren, Eighteenth Circuit	August 1, 1988
James D. Sloan, Jr., Seventh Circuit	October 15, 1987
J. Ronald Storey, Twentieth Circuit	October 4, 1987

DISTRICT JUDGES

Appointments	**Effective Date**
Edward D. Fay, Jr., Madison County	November 25, 1987
John W. Norton, Calhoun County	June 3, 1988
Lee C. Traylor, DeKalb County	May 16, 1988

Resignations	**Effective Date**
Johnny M. Langley, Lamar County	September 26, 1988
Joseph N. Poole, III, Butler County	September 7, 1988
Robert G. Wilson, DeKalb County	April 30, 1988

Retirements	**Effective Date**
Woodrow Albea, Calhoun County	May 31, 1988

CIRCUIT CLERKS, REGISTERS, AND DISTRICT CLERKS

Resignations	**Effective Date**
Margie P. McLeod, Lowndes County Register	June 1, 1988

Retired Judges Who Accepted Assignments In Trial And Appellate Courts During FY 1988

Ingram Beasley, Retired Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division, Birmingham

G. Ross Bell, Retired Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Family Court, Birmingham

William C. Bibb, Retired Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit

Walter G. Bridges, Retired Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Bessemer

Paul W. Brunson, Retired District Judge, District Court of Mobile County

William I. Byrd, Retired Circuit Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit

B. M. Miller Childers, Retired District Judge, District Court of Dallas County

Arnold Drennen, Retired District Judge, District Court of Jefferson County, Birmingham

Edward P. Fowler, Retired District Judge, District Court of Marion County

Robert W. Gwin, Retired District Judge, District Court of Jefferson County, Birmingham

James O. Haley, Retired Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Birmingham

Claude Harris, Jr., Retired Circuit Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit

W. G. Hawkins, Retired Circuit Judge, 9th Judicial Circuit

Thomas E. Huey, Jr., Retired Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Civil Division, Birmingham

James E. Loftis, Retired District Judge, District Court of Autauga County

Telfair J. Mashburn, Retired District Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit

Robert M. Parker, Retired Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit

Eris F. Paul, Retired Circuit Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit

Newton B. Powell, Retired Circuit Judge, 8th Judicial Circuit

D. L. Rosenau, Retired District Judge, District Court of Limestone County

Edward N. Scruggs, Retired Circuit Judge, 27th Judicial Circuit

Cecil H. Strawbridge, Retired Circuit Judge, 24th Judicial Circuit

Jack W. Wallace, Sr., Retired Circuit Judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit

Douglas S. Webb, Retired Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit

Jerry M. White, Retired Circuit Judge, 20th Judicial Circuit

Kennedy Williams, Retired Circuit Judge, 34th Judicial Circuit

Attorneys Who Accepted Assignments As Special Judges From The Alabama Supreme Court During FY 1988

Charles R. Adair, Jr., Birmingham
David Arendall, Birmingham
Dennis Bailey, Birmingham
Robert T. R. Bailey, Montgomery
Michael Ballard, Birmingham
Elise Barclay, Birmingham
Bobby Black, Montgomery
Michael F. Bolin, Birmingham
Houston Brown, Birmingham
Neil C. Clay, Bessemer
William M. Dawson, Jr., Birmingham
Hiram Dobb, Jr., Birmingham
C. Barton Dunn, Birmingham
Rick Francis, Birmingham
M. Gresham Hale, Sheffield
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"Justice is the end of government. It is the end of society.
It ever has been and ever will be pursued until it be obtained."

President James Madison

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	FY 1984		FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1988	CHANGE FY 1987 - FY 1988				CHANGE FY 1984 - FY 1988			
												FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1ST CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
1st Circuit	397	383	374	412	334	453	368	364	401	324	451	33	9.0	-40	-11.0	4	1.0	-59	-15.4
Choctaw	171	66	118	87	116	127	104	94	110	95	115	6	5.8	1	1.1	-61	-35.7	29	43.9
Clarke	103	215	155	195	158	246	195	212	207	174	260	12	6.2	-38	-17.9	104	101.0	-41	-19.1
Washington	123	102	101	130	60	80	69	58	84	55	76	15	21.7	-3	-5.2	-39	-31.7	-47	-46.1
Civil																			
1st Circuit	333	344	352	390	362	362	395	387	403	375	447	8	2.0	-12	-3.1	70	21.0	31	9.0
Choctaw	96	93	82	80	86	93	95	93	109	103	154	14	14.7	10	10.8	13	13.5	10	10.8
Clarke	156	162	174	214	182	170	192	169	181	167	150	-11	-5.7	-2	-1.2	25	16.0	5	3.1
Washington	81	89	96	96	94	99	108	125	113	105	143	5	4.6	-20	-16.0	32	39.5	16	18.0
Domestic																			
1st Circuit	531	493	594	606	596	586	567	585	496	439	249	-71	-12.5	-146	-25.0	-35	-6.6	-54	-11.0
Choctaw	122	108	144	139	159	156	126	144	116	120	62	-10	-7.9	-24	-16.7	-6	-4.9	12	11.1
Clarke	734	214	261	311	263	250	251	237	223	152	120	-28	-11.2	-85	-35.9	-11	-4.7	-62	-29.0
Washington	175	171	189	156	174	180	190	204	157	167	67	-33	-17.4	-37	-18.1	-18	-10.3	-4	-2.3
Juvenile																			
1st Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Choctaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Clarke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
1st Circuit	1,261	1,220	1,320	1,408	1,292	1,401	1,330	1,336	[illegible]	1,138	1,147	-30	-2.3	-198	-14.8	39	3.1	-82	-6.7
Choctaw	389	267	344	306	361	376	325	331	335	318	331	10	3.1	-13	-3.9	-54	-13.9	51	19.1
Clarke	493	591	590	720	603	666	638	618	611	493	530	-27	-4.2	-125	-20.2	118	23.9	-98	-16.6
Washington	379	362	386	382	328	359	367	387	354	327	286	-13	-3.5	-60	-15.5	-25	-6.6	-35	-9.7

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2ND CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
2nd Circuit	188	185	194	156	217	205	267	233	264	251	146	-3	-1.1	18	7.7	76	40.4	66	35.7
Butler	59	75	73	66	88	59	62	86	136	134	32	74	119.4	48	55.8	77	130.5	59	78.7
Crenshaw	66	49	65	41	53	79	98	64	71	77	53	-27	-27.6	13	20.3	5	7.6	28	57.1
Lowndes	63	61	56	49	76	67	107	83	57	40	61	-50	-46.7	-43	-51.8	-6	-9.5	-21	-34.4
Civil																			
2nd Circuit	202	202	208	153	206	170	213	173	210	221	303	-3	-1.4	48	27.7	8	4.0	19	9.4
Butler	77	56	74	67	87	85	87	75	104	94	102	17	19.5	19	25.3	27	35.1	38	67.9
Crenshaw	62	101	66	48	50	38	56	57	53	61	33	-3	-5.4	4	7.0	-9	-14.5	-40	-39.6
Lowndes	63	45	68	38	69	47	70	41	53	66	168	-17	-24.3	25	61.0	-10	-15.9	21	46.7
Domestic																			
2nd Circuit	361	380	368	329	333	323	322	339	245	254	56	-77	-23.9	-85	-25.1	-116	-32.1	-126	-33.2
Butler	217	216	226	209	179	182	191	200	150	149	34	-41	-21.5	-51	-25.5	-67	-30.9	-67	-31.0
Crenshaw	104	119	100	88	109	92	84	93	64	67	22	-20	-23.8	-26	-28.0	-40	-38.5	-52	-43.7
Lowndes	40	45	42	32	45	49	47	46	31	38	0	-16	-34.0	-8	-17.4	-9	-22.5	-7	-15.6
Juvenile																			
2nd Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Butler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Crenshaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Lowndes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
2nd Circuit	751	767	770	638	756	698	802	745	719	726	505	-83	-10.3	-19	-2.6	-32	-4.3	-41	-5.3
Butler	353	347	373	342	354	326	340	361	390	377	168	50	14.7	16	4.4	37	10.5	30	8.6
Crenshaw	232	269	231	177	212	209	238	214	188	205	108	-50	-21.0	-9	-4.2	-44	-19.0	-64	-23.8
Lowndes	166	151	166	119	190	163	224	170	141	144	229	-83	-37.1	-26	-15.3	-25	-15.1	-7	-4.6

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
3RD CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
3rd Circuit	292	208	333	382	242	349	260	359	413	370	81	153	58.8	11	3.1	121	41.4	162	77.9
Barbour	168	95	215	303	180	261	211	261	221	203	69	10	4.7	-58	-22.2	53	31.5	108	113.7
Clayton	52	34	73	89	44	74	43	54	68	85	1	25	58.1	31	57.4	16	30.8	51	150.0
Eufaula	116	61	142	214	136	207	168	207	153	118	68	-15	-8.9	-89	-43.0	37	31.9	57	93.4
Bullock	124	113	118	79	62	68	49	98	192	167	12	143	291.8	69	70.4	68	54.8	54	47.8
Civil																			
3rd Circuit	182	205	220	208	187	221	209	293	236	222	125	27	12.9	-71	-24.2	54	29.7	17	8.3
Barbour	122	164	156	169	130	167	152	223	150	164	65	-2	-1.3	-59	-26.5	28	23.0	0	0.0
Clayton	39	53	59	66	29	59	40	57	32	36	18	-8	-20.0	-21	-36.8	-7	-17.9	-17	-32.1
Eufaula	83	111	97	103	101	108	112	166	118	128	47	6	5.4	-38	-22.9	35	42.2	17	15.3
Bullock	60	41	64	39	57	54	57	70	86	58	60	29	50.9	-12	-17.1	26	43.3	17	41.5
Domestic																			
3rd Circuit	230	243	205	224	212	195	201	220	203	208	43	2	1.0	-12	-5.5	-27	-11.7	-35	-14.4
Barbour	183	199	150	175	158	152	160	166	171	186	28	11	6.9	20	12.0	-12	-6.6	-13	-6.5
Clayton	45	66	47	52	36	31	34	39	33	28	9	-1	-2.9	-11	-28.2	-12	-26.7	-38	-57.6
Eufaula	138	133	103	123	122	121	126	127	138	158	19	12	9.5	31	24.4	0	--	25	18.8
Bullock	47	44	55	49	54	43	41	54	32	22	15	-9	-22.0	-32	-59.3	-15	-31.9	-22	-50.0
Juvenile																			
3rd Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	--	-2	-100.0	0	--	0	--
Barbour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	--	-2	-100.0	0	--	0	--
Clayton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0.0	0	--	0	--
Eufaula	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	--	-2	-100.0	0	--	0	--
Bullock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0.0	0	--	0	--

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	FY 1984		FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1988	CHANGE FY 1987 - FY 1988				CHANGE FY 1984 - FY 1988			
	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
3RD CIRCUIT																			
Total																			
3rd Circuit	704	656	758	814	641	765	670	874	852	800	249	182	27.2	-74	-8.5	148	21.0	144	22.0
Barbour	473	458	521	647	468	600	523	652	542	553	162	19	3.6	-99	-15.2	69	14.6	95	20.7
Clayton	136	153	179	207	109	164	117	150	133	149	28	16	13.7	-1	-0.7	-3	-2.2	-4	-2.6
Eufaula	337	305	342	440	359	436	406	502	409	404	134	3	0.7	-98	-19.5	72	21.4	99	32.5
Bullock	231	198	237	167	173	165	147	222	310	247	87	163	110.9	25	11.3	79	34.2	49	24.7
4TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
4th Circuit	564	559	612	637	569	604	619	437	611	483	744	-8	-1.3	46	10.5	47	8.3	-76	-13.6
Bibb	124	107	136	104	64	66	67	62	100	40	141	33	49.3	-22	-35.5	-24	-19.4	-67	-62.6
Dallas	289	249	282	343	351	270	337	208	355	252	456	18	5.3	44	21.2	66	22.8	3	1.2
Hale	36	58	60	61	44	54	48	34	31	29	19	-17	-35.4	-5	-14.7	-5	-13.9	-29	-50.0
Perry	61	63	37	53	51	43	81	59	50	85	31	-31	-38.3	26	44.1	-11	-18.0	22	34.9
Wilcox	54	82	97	76	59	171	86	74	75	77	97	-11	-12.8	3	4.1	21	38.9	-5	-6.1
Civil																			
4th Circuit	531	532	525	822	484	572	542	450	516	515	755	-26	-4.8	65	14.4	-15	-2.8	-17	-3.2
Bibb	60	74	82	59	68	57	63	54	79	65	180	16	25.4	11	20.4	19	31.7	-9	-12.2
Dallas	292	284	255	484	282	320	302	235	251	244	342	-51	-16.9	9	3.8	-41	-14.0	-40	-14.1
Hale	51	60	46	50	39	46	47	53	65	58	58	18	38.3	5	9.4	14	27.5	-2	-3.3
Perry	65	70	74	62	41	51	61	49	63	57	81	2	3.3	8	16.3	-2	-3.1	-13	-18.6
Wilcox	63	44	68	167	54	98	69	59	58	91	94	-11	-15.9	32	54.2	-5	-7.9	47	106.8

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
4TH CIRCUIT																			
Domestic																			
4th Circuit	683	794	642	662	611	615	551	538	649	614	307	98	17.8	76	14.1	-34	-5.0	-180	-22.7
Bibb	80	74	83	78	82	75	89	70	96	88	77	7	7.9	18	25.7	16	20.0	14	18.9
Dallas	449	560	400	398	347	376	320	304	370	359	153	50	15.6	55	18.1	-79	-17.6	-201	-35.9
Hale	44	49	47	46	65	56	49	52	77	60	31	28	57.1	8	15.4	33	75.0	11	22.4
Perry	53	59	59	55	60	53	55	58	50	51	22	-5	-9.1	-7	-12.1	-3	-5.7	-8	-13.6
Wilcox	57	52	53	85	57	55	38	54	56	56	24	18	47.4	2	3.7	-1	-1.8	4	7.7
Juvenile																			
4th Circuit	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Bibb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Hale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Perry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Wilcox	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
4th Circuit	1,778	1,885	1,781	2,123	1,664	1,791	1,712	1,425	1,776	1,612	1,806	64	3.7	187	13.1	-2	-0.1	-273	-14.5
Bibb	264	255	301	241	214	198	219	186	275	193	398	56	25.6	7	3.8	11	4.2	-62	-24.3
Dallas	1,030	1,093	937	1,225	980	966	959	747	976	855	951	17	1.8	108	14.5	-54	-5.2	-238	-21.3
Hale	131	167	153	157	148	156	144	139	173	147	108	29	20.1	8	5.8	42	32.1	-20	-12.0
Perry	179	192	170	170	152	147	197	166	163	193	134	-34	-17.3	27	16.3	-16	-8.9	1	0.5
Wilcox	174	178	220	330	170	324	193	187	189	224	215	-4	-2.1	37	19.8	15	8.6	46	25.8

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
5TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
5th Circuit	856	718	687	706	974	677	679	830	893	598	796	214	31.5	-232	-28.0	37	4.3	-120	-16.7
Chambers	162	176	219	207	208	187	217	185	309	208	283	92	42.4	23	12.4	147	90.7	32	18.2
Macon	183	93	82	140	295	124	96	157	128	95	103	32	33.3	-62	-39.5	-55	-30.1	2	2.2
Randolph	78	93	94	112	81	62	119	90	136	117	103	17	14.3	27	30.0	58	74.4	24	25.8
Tallapoosa	433	356	292	247	390	304	247	398	320	178	307	73	29.6	-220	-55.3	-113	-26.1	-178	-50.0
Alex City	259	238	179	114	192	173	156	226	128	71	113	-28	-17.9	-155	-68.6	-131	-50.6	-167	-70.2
Dadeville	174	118	113	133	198	131	91	172	192	107	194	101	111.0	-65	-37.8	18	10.3	-11	-9.3
Civil																			
5th Circuit	655	618	612	575	680	557	682	664	720	583	632	38	5.6	-81	-12.2	65	9.9	-35	-5.7
Chambers	156	136	145	151	139	111	151	157	278	116	210	127	84.1	-41	-26.1	122	78.2	-20	-14.7
Macon	158	146	170	152	187	167	200	167	152	158	181	-48	-24.0	-9	-5.4	-6	-3.8	12	8.2
Randolph	140	144	88	115	112	89	125	117	117	118	88	-8	-6.4	1	0.9	-23	-16.4	-26	-18.1
Tallapoosa	201	192	209	157	242	190	206	223	173	191	153	-33	-16.0	-32	-14.3	-28	-13.9	-1	-0.5
Alex City	119	116	111	81	132	120	119	114	98	96	87	-21	-17.6	-18	-15.8	-21	-17.6	-20	-17.2
Dadeville	82	76	98	76	110	70	87	109	75	95	66	-12	-13.8	-14	-12.8	-7	-8.5	19	25.0
Domestic																			
5th Circuit	969	1,010	1,080	1,017	997	1,007	1,042	1,021	970	904	354	-72	-6.9	-117	-11.5	1	0.1	-106	-10.5
Chambers	345	369	381	364	333	343	377	358	333	319	114	-44	-11.7	-39	-10.9	-12	-3.5	-50	-13.6
Macon	115	111	137	117	122	130	109	105	102	83	57	-7	-6.4	-22	-21.0	-13	-11.3	-28	-25.2
Randolph	158	162	180	162	168	163	168	180	196	183	46	28	16.7	3	1.7	38	24.1	21	13.0
Tallapoosa	351	368	382	374	374	371	388	378	339	319	137	-49	-12.6	-59	-15.6	-12	-3.4	-49	-13.3
Alex City	226	237	260	256	266	270	257	239	229	209	104	-28	-10.9	-30	-12.6	3	1.3	-28	-11.8
Dadeville	125	131	122	118	108	101	131	139	110	110	33	-21	-16.0	-29	-20.9	-15	-12.0	-21	-16.0

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5TH CIRCUIT																			
Juvenile																			
5th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Chambers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Macon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Randolph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Tallapoosa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Alex City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Dadeville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
5th Circuit	2,480	2,346	2,379	2,298	2,651	2,241	2,403	2,515	2,583	2,085	1,782	180	7.5	-430	-17.1	103	4.2	-261	-11.1
Chambers	663	681	745	722	680	641	745	700	920	643	607	175	23.5	-57	-8.1	257	38.8	-38	-5.6
Macon	456	350	389	409	604	421	405	429	382	336	341	-23	-5.7	-93	-21.7	-74	-16.2	-14	-4.0
Randolph	376	399	362	389	361	314	412	387	449	418	237	37	9.0	31	8.0	73	19.4	19	4.8
Tallapoosa	985	916	883	778	1,006	865	841	999	832	688	597	-9	-1.1	-311	-31.1	-153	-15.5	-228	-24.9
Alex City	604	591	550	451	590	563	532	579	455	376	304	-77	-14.5	-203	-35.1	-149	-24.7	-215	-36.4
Dadeville	381	325	323	327	416	302	309	420	377	312	293	68	22.0	-108	-25.7	-4	-1.0	-13	-4.0
6TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal 6th Circuit Tuscaloosa	1,288	1,401	1,199	1,203	1,103	1,149	1,236	1,071	1,200	1,059	681	-36	-2.9	-12	-1.1	-88	-6.8	-342	-24.4
Civil *6th Circuit* Tuscaloosa	877	863	949	985	1,162	1,132	1 164	1,128	1,058	1,123	524	-106	-9.1	-5	-0.4	181	20.6	260	30.1

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
6TH CIRCUIT																			
Domestic *6th Circuit* Tuscaloosa	2,514	2,908	2,481	2,239	2,361	2,530	3,069	2,560	2,441	2,555	1,214	-628	-20.5	-5	-0.2	-73	-2.9	-353	-12.1
Juvenile *6th Circuit* Tuscaloosa	985	979	955	995	854	915	972	953	1,481	1,360	264	509	52.4	407	42.7	496	50.4	381	38.9
Total *6th Circuit* Tuscaloosa	5,664	6,151	5,584	5,422	5,480	5,726	6,441	5,712	6,180	6,097	2,683	-261	-4.1	38[illegible]	6.7	516	9.1	-54	-0.9
7TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
7th Circuit	1,102	1,103	1,282	1,347	1,172	1,099	1,579	1,431	1,102	1,290	416	-477	-30.2	-141	[illegible].9	0	--	187	17.0
Calhoun	1,043	1,028	1,226	1,296	1,155	1,077	1,496	1,378	1,025	1,249	356	-471	-31.5	-129	[illegible].4	-18	-1.7	221	21.5
Cleburne	59	75	56	51	17	22	83	53	77	41	62	-6	-7.2	-12	[illegible].6	18	30.5	-34	-45.3
Civil																			
7th Circuit	783	755	817	795	816	772	872	771	827	889	892	-45	-5.2	118	15.3	44	5.6	134	17.7
Calhoun	744	703	766	766	772	724	824	736	775	830	821	-49	-5.9	94	[illegible]2.8	31	4.2	127	18.1
Cleburne	39	52	51	29	44	48	48	35	52	59	71	4	8.3	24	68.6	13	33.3	7	13.5
Domestic																			
7th Circuit	2,31[illegible]	2,205	2,004	1,922	1,894	1,691	2,290	1,978	1,687	1,742	690	-603	-26.3	-236	-11.9	-623	-27.0	-463	-21.0
Calhoun	2,163	2,055	1,854	1,783	1,735	1,542	2,155	1,825	1,572	1,619	623	-583	-27.1	-206	[illegible].3	-591	-27.3	-436	-21.2
Cleburne	147	150	150	139	159	149	135	153	115	123	67	-20	-14.8	-30	-19.6	-32	-21.8	-27	-18.0

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
7TH CIRCUIT																			
Juvenile																			
7th Circuit	1,219	1,290	1,214	1,288	1,308	1,244	1,723	1,459	1,695	1,774	768	-28	-1.6	315	21.6	476	39.0	484	37.5
Calhoun	1,139	1,253	1,170	1,205	1,237	1,213	1,593	1,357	1,573	1,612	749	-20	-1.3	255	18.8	434	38.1	359	28.7
Cleburne	80	37	44	83	71	31	130	102	122	162	19	-8	-6.2	60	58.8	42	52.5	125	337.8
Total																			
7th Circuit	5,414	5,353	5,317	5,352	5,190	4,806	6,464	5,639	5,311	5,695	2,768	-1,153	-17.8	56	1.0	-103	-1.9	342	6.4
Calhoun	5,089	5,039	5,016	5,050	4,899	4,556	6,068	5,296	4,945	5,310	2,549	-1,123	-18.5	14	0.3	-144	-2.8	271	5.4
Cleburne	325	314	301	302	291	250	396	343	366	385	219	-30	-7.6	42	12.2	41	12.6	71	22.6
8TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
8th Circuit																			
Morgan	625	497	754	786	980	797	939	1,424	757	1,080	329	-182	-19.4	-344	-24.2	132	21.1	583	117.3
Civil																			
8th Circuit																			
Morgan	583	544	528	804	532	611	631	500	627	710	735	-4	-0.6	210	42.0	44	7.5	166	30.5
Domestic																			
8th Circuit																			
Morgan	1,119	1,148	1,022	967	1,244	1,284	1,148	1,130	1,006	1,035	232	-142	-12.4	-95	-8.4	-113	-10.1	-113	-9.8
Juvenile																			
8th Circuit																			
Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
8th Circuit																			
Morgan	2,327	2,189	2,304	2,557	2,756	2,692	2,718	3,054	2,390	2,825	1,296	-328	-12.1	-229	-7.5	63	2.7	636	29.1

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
9TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
9th Circuit	500	406	363	455	596	394	476	518	562	528	629	86	18.1	10	1.9	62	12.4	122	30.0
Cherokee	165	153	81	119	113	81	134	138	130	95	194	-4	-3.0	-43	-31.2	-35	-21.2	-58	-37.9
DeKalb	335	253	282	336	483	313	342	380	432	433	435	90	26.3	53	13.9	97	29.0	180	71.1
Civil																			
9th Circuit	478	447	506	427	493	452	495	467	501	474	774	6	1.2	7	1.5	23	4.8	27	6.0
Cherokee	98	84	116	90	80	83	108	75	147	134	185	39	36.1	59	78.7	49	50.0	50	59.5
DeKalb	380	363	390	337	413	369	387	392	354	340	589	-33	-8.5	-52	-13.3	-26	-6.8	-23	-6.3
Domestic																			
9th Circuit	816	880	840	877	883	949	856	871	869	889	451	13	1.5	18	2.1	53	6.5	9	1.0
Cherokee	173	187	180	194	210	192	186	183	223	214	87	37	19.9	31	16.9	50	28.9	27	14.4
DeKalb	643	693	660	683	673	757	670	688	646	675	364	-24	-3.6	-13	-1.9	3	0.5	-18	-2.6
Juvenile																			
9th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cherokee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
DeKalb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
9th Circuit	1,794	1,733	1,709	1,759	1,972	1,795	1,827	1,856	1,932	1,891	1,854	105	5.7	35	1.9	138	7.7	158	9.1
Cherokee	436	424	377	403	403	356	428	396	500	443	466	72	16.8	47	11.9	64	14.7	19	4.5
DeKalb	1,358	1,309	1,332	1,356	1,569	1,439	1,399	1,460	1,432	1,448	1,388	33	2.4	-12	-0.8	74	5.4	139	10.6

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10TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
10th Circuit																			
Jefferson	5,118	4,999	5,271	4,530	5,679	5,811	6,229	5,314	5,818	5,079	5,548	-411	-6.6	-235	-4.4	700	13.7	80	1.6
Birmingham	3,751	3,674	3,999	3,490	4,083	4,292	4,607	3,963	4,267	3,500	3,780	-340	-7.4	-463	-11.7	516	13.8	-174	-4.7
Bessemer	1,367	1,325	1,272	1,040	1,596	1,519	1,622	1,351	1,551	1,579	1,768	-71	-4.4	228	16.9	184	13.5	254	19.2
Civil																			
10th Circuit																			
Jefferson	8,214	6,913	9,025	8,054	9,297	7,880	10,434	8,791	9,752	9,912	18,045	-682	-6.5	1,121	12.8	1,538	18.7	2,999	43.4
Birmingham	7,626	6,359	8,269	7,468	8,590	7,235	9,636	8,085	8,994	9,175	16,482	-642	-6.7	1,090	13.5	1,368	17.9	2,816	44.3
Bessemer	588	554	756	586	707	645	798	706	758	737	1,563	-40	-5.0	31	4.4	170	28.9	183	33.0
Domestic																			
10th Circuit																			
Jefferson	7,346	7,423	7,289	7,246	7,455	7,255	7,173	7,298	6,854	6,831	1,824	-319	-4.4	-467	-6.4	-492	-6.7	-592	-8.0
Birmingham	6,432	6,414	6,384	6,306	6,509	6,303	6,259	6,320	5,881	5,891	1,735	-378	-6.0	-429	-6.8	-551	-8.6	-523	-8.2
Bessemer	914	1,009	905	940	946	952	914	978	973	940	89	59	6.5	-38	-3.9	59	6.5	-69	-6.8
Juvenile																			
10th Circuit																			
Jefferson	6,449	6,458	6,586	7,307	5,524	8,731	7,294	5,570	7,235	6,288	1,838	-59	-0.8	718	12.9	786	12.2	-170	-2.6
Birmingham	6,449	6,458	6,586	7,307	5,524	8,731	7,294	5,570	7,235	6,288	1,838	-59	-0.8	718	12.9	786	12.2	-170	-2.6
Bessemer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
10th Circuit																			
Jefferson	27,127	25,793	28,171	27,137	27.955	29,677	31,130	26,973	29,659	28,110	27,255	-1,471	-4.7	1,137	4.2	2,532	9.3	2,317	9.0
Birmingham	24,258	22,905	25,238	24,571	24,706	26,561	27,796	23,938	26,377	24,854	23,835	-1,419	-5.1	916	3.8	2,119	8.7	1,949	8.5
Bessemer	2,869	2,888	2,933	2,566	3,249	3,116	3,334	3,035	3,282	3,256	3,420	-52	-1.6	221	7.3	413	14.4	368	12.7

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11TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *11th Circuit* **Lauderdale**	679	675	795	712	571	602	605	549	592	590	282	-13	-2.1	41	7.5	-87	-12.8	-85	-12.6
Civil *11th Circuit* **Lauderdale**	574	538	612	593	630	589	689	657	649	676	648	-40	-5.8	19	2.9	75	13.1	138	25.7
Domestic *11th Circuit* **Lauderdale**	858	870	849	872	892	887	848	805	882	903	142	34	4.0	98	12.2	24	2.8	33	3.8
Juvenile *11th Circuit* **Lauderdale**	0	0	996	1,304	893	851	824	908	1,049	1,199	211	225	27.3	291	32.0	1,049	--	1,199	--
Total *11th Circuit* **Lauderdale**	2,111	2,083	3,252	3,481	2,986	2,929	2,966	2,919	3,172	3,368	1,283	206	6.9	449	15.4	1,061	50.3	1,285	61.7
12TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
12th Circuit	364	217	279	374	743	349	330	420	545	492	203	215	65.2	72	17.1	181	49.7	275	126.7
Coffee	188	148	171	223	515	190	207	309	303	252	124	96	46.4	-57	-18.4	115	61.2	104	70.3
Elba	48	34	36	71	76	35	71	63	66	58	19	-5	-7.0	-5	-7.9	18	37.5	24	70.6
Enterprise	140	114	135	152	439	155	136	246	237	194	105	101	74.3	-52	-21.1	97	69.3	80	70.2
Pike	176	69	108	151	228	159	123	111	242	240	79	119	96.7	129	116.2	66	37.5	171	247.8

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12TH CIRCUIT																			
Civil																			
12th Circuit	412	319	425	499	462	400	514	420	510	508	448	-4	-0.8	88	21.0	98	23.8	189	59.2
Coffee	302	197	293	372	300	240	344	277	328	345	277	-16	-4.7	68	24.5	26	8.6	148	75.1
Elba	110	91	101	101	92	99	111	88	102	142	132	-9	-8.1	54	61.4	-8	-7.3	51	56.0
Enterprise	192	106	192	271	208	141	233	189	226	203	145	-7	-3.0	14	7.4	34	17.7	97	91.5
Pike	110	122	132	127	162	160	170	143	182	163	171	12	7.1	20	14.0	72	65.5	41	33.6
Domestic																			
12th Circuit	805	750	833	818	824	803	848	818	835	808	232	-13	-1.5	-10	-1.2	30	3.7	58	7.7
Coffee	590	534	594	582	581	568	586	553	541	532	176	-45	-7.7	-21	-3.8	-49	-8.3	-2	-0.4
Elba	130	131	136	161	130	119	126	110	114	131	27	-12	-9.5	21	19.1	-16	-12.3	0	0.0
Enterprise	460	403	458	421	451	449	460	443	427	401	149	-33	-7.2	-42	-9.5	-33	-7.2	-2	-0.5
Pike	215	216	239	236	243	235	262	265	294	276	56	32	12.2	11	4.2	79	36.7	60	27.8
Juvenile																			
12th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Coffee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Elba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Enterprise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
12th Circuit	1,581	1,286	1,537	1,691	2,029	1,552	1,692	1,658	1,890	1,808	883	198	11.7	150	9.0	309	19.5	522	40.6
Coffee	1,080	879	1.058	1,177	1,396	998	1,137	1,139	1,172	1,129	577	35	3.1	-10	-0.9	92	8.5	250	28.4
Elba	288	256	273	333	298	253	308	261	282	331	178	-26	-8.4	70	26.8	-6	-2.1	75	29.3
Enterprise	792	623	785	844	1,098	745	829	878	890	798	399	61	7.4	-80	-9.1	98	12.4	175	28.1
Pike	501	407	479	514	633	554	555	519	718	679	306	163	29.4	160	30.8	217	43.3	272	66.8

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13TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *13th Circuit* Mobile	3,714	3,831	3,535	4,143	3,533	3,749	3,373	3,432	3,132	3,466	1,025	-241	-7.1	34	1.0	-582	-15.7	-365	-9.5
Civil *13th Circuit* Mobile	3,142	3,741	3,526	3,767	3,686	3,934	4,052	4,237	3,836	4,464	3,387	-216	-5.3	227	5.4	694	22.1	723	19.3
Domestic *13th Circuit* Mobile	4,899	4,957	5,016	4,916	5,023	4,964	4,653	4,710	4,504	4,725	1,318	-149	-3.2	15	0.3	-395	-8.1	-232	-4.7
Juvenile *13th Circuit* Mobile	3,786	5,113	4,675	6,070	4,784	6,727	8,464	5,800	10,545	5,799	8,721	2,081	24.6	-1	--	6,759	178.5	686	13.4
Total *13th Circuit* Mobile	15,541	17,642	16,752	18,896	17,026	19,374	20,542	18,179	22,017	18,454	14,451	1,475	7.2	275	1.5	6,476	41.7	812	4.6
14TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *14th Circuit* Walker	302	410	302	326	360	407	381	302	340	338	326	-41	-10.8	36	11.9	38	12.6	-72	-17.6

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14TH CIRCUIT																			
Civil *14th Circuit* Walker	443	390	378	348	457	401	509	471	530	473	906	21	4.1	2	0.4	87	19.6	83	21.3
Domestic *14th Circuit* Walker	681	706	891	1,097	856	900	869	920	790	869	197	-79	-9.1	-51	-5.5	109	16.0	163	23.1
Juvenile *14th Circuit* Walker	393	392	382	368	440	404	436	439	523	439	197	87	20.0	0	0.0	130	33.1	47	12.0
Total *14th Circuit* Walker	1,819	1,898	1,953	2,139	2,113	2,112	2,195	2,132	2,183	2,119	1,626	-12	-0.5	-13	-0.6	364	20.0	221	11.6
15TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *15th Circuit* Montgomery	2,164	2,084	2,184	2,122	2,304	2,574	2,230	2,391	2,611	1,934	977	381	17.1	-457	-19.1	447	20.7	-150	-7.2
Civil *15th Circuit* Montgomery	1,727	1,823	2,000	1,728	2,026	1,936	2,093	2,042	2,270	1,988	1,625	177	8.5	-54	-2.6	543	31.4	165	9.1

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15TH CIRCUIT																			
Domestic *15th Circuit* Montgomery	3,558	3,393	3,611	3,703	3,494	3,651	3,516	3,493	3,303	3,295	772	-213	-6.1	-198	-5.7	-255	-7.2	-98	-2.9
Juvenile *15th Circuit* Montgomery	5,200	4,628	3,750	3,927	4,125	3,767	4,520	4,230	4,589	4,232	2,168	69	1.5	2	--	-611	-11.8	-396	-8.6
Total *15th Circuit* Montgomery	12,649	11,928	11,545	11,480	11,949	11,928	12,359	12,156	12,773	11,449	5,542	414	3.3	-707	-5.8	124	1.0	-479	-4.0
16TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *16th Circuit* Etowah	1,134	1,002	1,162	1,273	1,129	973	1,411	1,081	1,826	1,486	1,045	415	29.4	405	37.5	692	61.0	484	48.3
Civil *16th Circuit* Etowah	917	1,025	931	928	937	867	1,016	957	1,008	933	1,108	-8	-0.8	-24	-2.5	91	9.9	-92	-9.0
Domestic *16th Circuit* Etowah	1,267	1,216	1,180	1,215	1,348	1,289	1,315	1,352	1,238	1,163	395	-77	-5.9	-189	-14.0	-29	-2.3	-53	-4.4

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
16TH CIRCUIT																			
Juvenile																			
16th Circuit																			
Etowah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
16th Circuit																			
Etowah	3,318	3,243	3,273	3,416	3,414	3,129	3,742	3,390	4,072	3,582	2,548	330	8.8	192	5.7	754	22.7	339	10.5
17TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
17th Circuit	193	276	358	340	306	339	371	249	346	291	258	-25	-6.7	42	16.9	153	79.3	15	5.4
Greene	44	43	58	69	45	47	60	35	73	64	28	13	21.7	29	82.9	29	65.9	21	48.8
Marengo	111	151	202	214	168	145	160	128	236	158	191	76	47.5	30	23.4	125	112.6	7	4.6
Sumter	38	82	98	57	93	147	151	86	37	69	39	-114	-75.5	-17	-19.8	-1	-2.6	-13	-15.9
Civil																			
17th Circuit	245	223	279	236	260	247	240	247	243	221	252	3	1.3	-26	-10.5	-2	-0.8	-2	-0.9
Greene	54	41	60	51	55	48	47	74	55	60	63	8	17.0	-14	-18.9	1	1.9	19	46.3
Marengo	116	112	136	136	126	138	123	108	130	107	124	7	5.7	-1	-0.9	14	12.1	-5	-4.5
Sumter	75	70	83	49	79	61	70	65	58	54	65	-12	-17.1	-11	-16.9	-17	-22.7	-16	-22.9
Domestic																			
17th Circuit	340	330	300	273	316	294	271	295	281	270	109	10	3.7	-25	-8.5	-59	-17.4	-60	-18.2
Greene	42	40	38	43	60	58	38	41	56	42	18	18	47.4	1	2.4	14	33.3	2	5.0
Marengo	201	206	174	152	168	179	144	161	155	158	50	11	7.6	-3	-1.9	-46	-22.9	-48	-23.3
Sumter	97	84	88	78	88	57	89	93	70	70	41	-19	-21.3	-23	-24.7	-27	-27.8	-14	-16.7

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
17TH CIRCUIT																			
Juvenile																			
17th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	319	213	632	642	335	313	98.1	429	201.4	632	--	642	--
Greene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Marengo	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	29	135	138	199	34	33.7	109	375.9	135	--	138	--
Sumter	0	0	0	0	0	0	218	184	497	504	136	279	128.0	320	173.9	497	--	504	--
Total																			
17th Circuit	778	829	937	849	882	880	1,201	1,004	1,502	1,424	954	301	25.1	420	41.8	724	93.1	595	71.8
Greene	140	124	156	163	160	153	145	150	184	166	109	39	26.9	16	10.7	44	31.4	42	33.9
Marengo	428	469	512	502	462	462	528	426	656	561	564	128	24.2	135	31.7	228	53.3	92	19.6
Sumter	210	236	269	184	260	265	528	428	662	697	281	134	25.4	269	62.9	452	215.2	461	195.3
18TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
18th Circuit	606	662	556	581	639	587	834	519	666	1,021	416	-168	-20.1	502	96.7	60	9.9	359	54.2
Clay	99	139	106	105	92	101	61	76	75	165	39	14	23.0	89	117.1	-24	-24.2	26	18.7
Coosa	87	86	62	66	75	79	73	48	65	81	22	-8	-11.0	33	68.8	-22	-25.3	-5	-5.8
Shelby	420	437	388	410	472	407	700	395	526	775	355	-174	-24.9	380	96.2	106	25.2	338	77.3
Civil																			
18th Circuit	485	495	606	492	664	520	760	584	853	579	1,148	93	12.2	-5	-0.9	368	75.9	84	17.0
Clay	92	72	67	80	82	71	73	63	76	68	98	3	4.1	5	7.9	-16	-17.4	-4	-5.6
Coosa	44	36	49	54	49	46	49	35	47	54	44	-2	-4.1	19	54.3	3	6.8	18	50.0
Shelby	349	387	490	358	533	403	638	486	730	457	1,006	92	14.4	-29	-6.0	381	109.2	70	18.1

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18TH CIRCUIT																			
Domestic																			
18th Circuit	803	802	846	815	949	852	904	973	851	816	326	-53	-5.9	-157	-16.1	48	6.0	14	1.7
Clay	109	98	121	128	127	129	119	125	96	103	28	-23	-19.3	-22	-17.6	-13	-11.9	5	5.1
Coosa	122	116	81	104	114	90	95	107	80	84	24	-15	-15.8	-23	-21.5	-42	-34.4	-32	-27.6
Shelby	572	588	644	583	708	633	690	741	675	629	274	-15	-2.2	-112	-15.1	103	18.0	41	7.0
Juvenile																			
18th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Coosa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Shelby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
18th Circuit	1,894	1,959	2,008	1,888	2,252	1,959	2,498	2,076	2,370	2,416	1,890	-128	-5.1	340	16.4	476	25.1	457	23.3
Clay	300	309	294	313	301	301	253	264	247	336	165	-6	-2.4	72	27.3	-53	-17.7	27	8.7
Coosa	253	238	192	224	238	215	217	190	192	219	90	-25	-11.5	29	15.3	-61	-24.1	-19	-8.0
Shelby	1,341	1,412	1,522	1,351	1,713	1,443	2,028	1,622	1,931	1,861	1,635	-97	-4.8	239	14.7	590	44.0	449	31.8
19TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
19th Circuit	900	911	967	793	796	930	658	718	654	768	520	-4	-0.6	50	7.0	-246	-27.3	-143	-15.7
Autauga	169	160	276	246	210	240	148	197	157	146	198	9	6.1	-51	-25.9	-12	-7.1	-14	-8.8
Chilton	185	239	311	257	185	281	194	194	200	24248	70	6	3.1	54	27.8	15	8.1	9	3.8
Elmore	546	512	380	290	401	409	316	327	297	374	252	-19	-6.0	47	14.4	-249	-45.6	-138	-27.0

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19TH CIRCUIT																			
Civil																			
19th Circuit	432	365	503	477	618	603	656	611	651	643	537	-5	-0.8	32	5.2	219	50.7	278	76.2
Autauga	162	128	117	137	150	137	175	138	174	178	180	-1	-0.6	40	29.0	12	7.4	50	39.1
Chilton	127	99	165	132	162	183	167	122	163	145	205	-4	-2.4	23	18.9	36	28.3	46	46.5
Elmore	143	138	221	208	306	283	314	351	314	320	152	0	0.0	-31	-8.8	171	119.6	182	131.9
Domestic																			
19th Circuit	961	993	1,095	1,159	1,095	1,056	1,031	1,062	1,045	1,044	273	14	1.4	-18	-1.7	84	8.7	51	5.1
Autauga	261	264	313	307	306	297	302	302	292	285	75	-10	-3.3	-17	-5.6	31	11.9	21	8.0
Chilton	338	349	392	437	395	379	390	383	363	346	132	-27	-6.9	-37	-9.7	25	7.4	-3	-0.9
Elmore	362	380	390	415	394	380	339	377	390	413	66	51	15.0	36	9.5	28	7.7	33	8.7
Juvenile																			
19th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Autauga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Chilton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Elmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
19th Circuit	2,293	2,269	2,565	2,429	2,509	2,589	2,345	2,391	2,350	2,455	1,330	5	0.2	64	2.7	57	2.5	186	8.2
Autauga	592	552	706	690	666	674	625	637	623	609	453	-2	-0.3	-28	-4.4	31	5.2	57	10.3
Chilton	650	687	868	826	742	843	751	699	726	739	407	-25	-3.3	40	5.7	76	11.7	52	7.6
Elmore	1,051	1,030	991	913	1,101	1,072	969	1,055	1,001	1,107	470	32	3.3	52	4.9	-50	-4.8	77	7.5

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20TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
20th Circuit	1,704	1,635	1,549	1,932	1,185	1,146	1,604	1,275	1,593	1,310	778	-11	-0.7	35	2.7	-111	-6.5	-325	-19.9
Henry	83	93	120	72	99	121	132	87	302	132	289	170	128.8	45	51.7	219	263.9	39	41.9
Houston	1,621	1,542	1,429	1,860	1,086	1,025	1,472	1,188	1,291	1,178	489	-181	-12.3	-10	-0.8	-330	-20.4	-364	-23.6
Civil																			
20th Circuit	640	595	712	710	869	738	924	814	864	860	1,146	-60	-6.5	46	5.7	224	35.0	265	44.5
Henry	35	41	56	45	60	41	66	58	62	70	91	-4	-6.1	12	20.7	27	77.1	29	70.7
Houston	605	554	656	665	809	697	858	756	802	790	1,055	-56	-6.5	34	4.5	197	32.6	236	42.6
Domestic																			
20th Circuit	1,468	1,561	1,528	1,417	1,597	1,488	1,556	1,411	1,588	1,826	558	32	2.1	415	29.4	120	8.2	265	17.0
Henry	140	204	156	140	175	133	157	148	170	201	88	13	8.3	53	35.8	30	21.4	-3	-1.5
Houston	1,328	1,357	1,372	1,277	1,422	1,355	1,399	1,263	1,418	1,625	470	19	1.4	362	28.7	90	6.8	268	19.7
Juvenile																			
20th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Henry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
20th Circuit	3,812	3,791	3,789	4,059	3,651	3,372	4,084	3,500	4,045	3,996	2,482	-39	-1.0	496	14.2	233	6.1	205	5.4
Henry	258	338	332	257	334	295	355	293	534	403	468	179	50.4	110	37.5	276	107.0	65	19.2
Houston	3,554	3,453	3,457	3,802	3,317	3,077	3,729	3,207	3,511	3,593	2,014	-218	-5.8	386	12.0	-43	-1.2	140	4.1

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21ST CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *21st Circuit* Escambia	239	203	206	260	303	251	301	309	307	270	215	6	2.0	-39	-12.6	68	28.5	67	33.0
Civil *21st Circuit* Escambia	292	280	367	333	343	349	391	377	411	469	287	20	5.1	92	24.4	119	40.8	189	67.5
Domestic *21st Circuit* Escambia	336	310	367	374	361	384	382	353	313	349	143	-69	-18.1	-4	-1.1	-23	-6.8	39	12.6
Juvenile *21st Circuit* Escambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *21st Circuit* Escambia	867	793	940	967	1,007	984	1,074	1,039	1,031	1,088	645	-43	-4.0	49	4.7	164	18.9	295	37.2
22ND CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *22nd Circuit* Covington	370	391	349	325	427	313	247	340	288	244	236	41	16.6	-96	-28.2	-82	-22.2	-147	-37.6

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22ND CIRCUIT																			
Civil *22nd Circuit* Covington	290	249	313	246	286	277	303	295	252	293	249	-51	-16.8	-2	-0.7	-38	-13.1	44	17.7
Domestic *22nd Circuit* Covington	467	461	420	424	426	387	482	517	404	396	151	-78	-16.2	-121	-23.4	-63	-13.5	-65	-14.1
Juvenile *22nd Circuit* Covington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *22nd Circuit* Covington	1,127	1,101	1,082	995	1,139	977	1,032	1,152	944	933	636	-88	-8.5	-219	-19.0	-183	-16.2	-168	-15.3
23RD CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *23rd Circuit* Madison	1,602	1,398	1,578	1,783	1,502	1,452	1,368	1,219	1,863	1,389	1,403	495	36.2	170	13.9	261	16.3	-9	-0.6
Civil *23rd Circuit* Madison	1,442	1,428	1,720	1,399	1,923	1,807	2,095	2,110	2,311	2,104	1,703	216	10.3	-6	-0.3	869	60.3	676	47.3

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23RD CIRCUIT																			
Domestic *23rd Circuit* Madison	2,558	2,640	2,557	2,458	2,581	2,645	2,668	2,605	2,650	2,667	494	-18	-0.7	62	2.4	92	3.6	27	1.0
Juvenile *23rd Circuit* Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *23rd Circuit* Madison	5,602	5,466	5,855	5,640	6,006	5,904	6,131	5,934	6,824	6,160	3,600	693	11.3	226	3.8	1,222	21.8	694	12.7
24TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *24th Circuit*	411	250	283	302	219	281	299	339	376	205	241	77	25.8	-134	-39.5	-35	-8.5	-45	-18.0
Fayette	139	71	126	132	58	113	102	113	107	34	94	5	4.9	-79	-69.9	-32	-23.0	-37	-52.1
Lamar	134	98	116	90	57	86	97	137	141	86	73	44	45.4	-51	-37.2	7	5.2	-12	-12.2
Pickens	138	81	41	80	104	82	100	89	128	85	74	28	28.0	-4	-4.5	-10	-7.2	4	4.9
Civil *24th Circuit*	226	246	252	235	255	204	271	270	288	249	270	17	6.3	-21	-7.8	62	27.4	3	1.2
Fayette	94	104	84	103	91	63	78	76	95	62	118	17	21.8	-14	-18.4	1	1.1	-42	-40.4
Lamar	50	64	85	69	82	77	100	86	85	93	52	-15	-15.0	7	8.1	35	70.0	29	45.3
Pickens	82	78	83	63	82	64	93	108	108	94	100	15	16.1	-14	-13.0	26	31.7	16	20.5

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
24TH CIRCUIT																			
Domestic																			
24th Circuit	403	397	446	446	465	464	438	438	452	442	162	14	3.2	4	0.9	49	12.2	45	11.3
Fayette	161	155	196	186	168	155	171	161	149	139	86	-22	-12.9	-22	-13.7	-12	-7.5	-16	-10.3
Lamar	120	116	132	133	135	145	141	132	161	164	25	20	14.2	32	24.2	41	34.2	48	41.4
Pickens	122	126	118	127	162	164	126	145	142	139	51	16	12.7	-6	-4.1	20	16.4	13	10.3
Juvenile																			
24th Circuit	119	90	373	296	167	253	4	47	1	2	1	-3	-75.0	-45	-95.7	-118	-99.2	-88	-97.8
Fayette	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Lamar	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	2	1	-3	-75.0	0	--	-1	-50.0	2	--
Pickens	117	90	373	296	167	253	0	45	0	0	0	0	--	-45	-100.0	-117	-100.0	-90	-100.0
Total																			
24th Circuit	1,159	983	1,354	1,279	1,106	1,202	1,012	1,094	1,117	898	674	105	10.4	-196	-17.9	-42	-3.6	-85	-8.6
Fayette	394	330	406	421	317	331	351	350	351	235	298	0	0.0	-115	-32.9	-43	-10.9	-95	-28.8
Lamar	306	278	333	292	274	308	342	357	388	345	151	46	13.5	-12	-3.4	82	26.8	67	24.1
Pickens	459	375	615	566	515	563	319	387	378	318	225	59	18.5	-69	-17.8	-81	-17.6	-57	-15.2
25TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
25th Circuit	351	226	294	372	205	245	295	337	218	356	238	-77	-26.1	19	5.6	-133	-37.9	130	57.5
Marion	219	165	191	224	115	140	178	214	144	215	192	-34	-19.1	1	0.5	-75	-34.2	50	30.3
Winston	132	61	103	148	90	105	117	123	74	141	46	-43	-36.8	18	14.6	-58	-43.9	80	131.1
Civil																			
25th Circuit	428	385	481	375	410	412	458	390	400	369	528	-58	-12.7	-21	-5.4	-28	-6.5	-16	-4.2
Marion	270	228	332	249	270	256	267	251	269	190	387	2	0.7	-61	-24.3	-1	-0.4	-38	-16.7
Winston	158	157	149	126	140	156	191	139	131	179	141	-60	-31.4	40	28.8	-27	-17.1	22	14.0

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
25TH CIRCUIT																			
Domestic																			
25th Circuit	608	642	580	580	607	664	655	608	574	571	455	-81	-12.4	-37	-6.1	-34	-5.6	-71	-11.1
Marion	325	360	289	281	324	399	338	295	253	270	312	-85	-25.1	-25	-8.5	-72	-22.2	-90	-25.0
Winston	283	282	291	299	283	265	317	313	321	301	143	4	1.3	-12	-3.8	38	13.4	19	6.7
Juvenile																			
25th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Marion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Winston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
25th Circuit	1,387	1,253	1,355	1,327	1,222	1,321	1,408	1,335	1,192	1,296	1,221	-216	-15.3	-39	-2.9	-195	-14.1	43	3.4
Marion	814	753	812	754	709	795	783	760	666	675	891	-117	-14.9	-85	-11.2	-148	-18.2	-78	-10.4
Winston	573	500	543	573	513	526	625	575	526	621	330	-99	-15.8	46	8.0	-47	-8.2	121	24.2
26TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
26th Circuit																			
Russell	526	487	566	600	520	500	701	659	597	563	253	-104	-14.8	-96	-14.6	71	13.5	76	15.6
Civil																			
26th Circuit																			
Russell	251	272	268	269	271	268	268	298	252	270	211	-16	-6.0	-28	-9.4	1	0.4	-2	-0.7
Domestic																			
26th Circuit																			
Russell	650	657	719	670	665	701	673	710	706	645	205	33	4.9	-65	-9.2	56	8.6	-12	-1.8

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26TH CIRCUIT																			
Juvenile																			
26th Circuit																			
Russell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
26th Circuit																			
Russell	1,427	1,416	1,553	1,539	1,456	1,469	1,642	1,667	1,555	1,478	669	-87	-5.3	-189	-11.3	128	9.0	62	4.4
27TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
27th Circuit																			
Marshall	407	472	465	305	390	508	628	496	623	584	400	-5	-0.8	88	17.7	216	53.1	112	23.7
Albertville	179	237	250	173	187	223	284	189	306	273	233	22	7.7	84	44.4	127	70.9	36	15.2
Guntersville	228	235	215	132	203	285	344	307	317	311	267	-27	-7.8	4	1.3	89	39.0	76	32.3
Civil																			
27th Circuit																			
Marshall	566	554	581	552	678	600	676	571	615	670	753	-61	-9.0	99	17.3	49	8.7	116	20.9
Albertville	261	235	240	252	319	286	272	254	205	238	263	-67	-24.6	-16	-6.3	-56	-21.5	3	1.3
Guntersville	305	319	341	300	359	314	404	317	410	432	490	6	1.5	115	36.3	105	34.4	113	35.4
Domestic																			
27th Circuit																			
Marshall	913	889	1,004	1,038	1,015	991	984	1,051	1,003	981	364	19	1.9	-70	-6.7	90	9.9	92	10.3
Albertville	360	367	446	417	407	390	379	411	390	361	141	11	2.9	-50	-12.2	30	8.3	-6	-1.6
Guntersville	553	522	558	621	608	601	605	640	613	620	223	8	1.3	-20	-3.1	60	10.8	98	18.8

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
27TH CIRCUIT																			
Juvenile																			
27th Circuit																			
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	8	11	--	3	--	11	--	3	--
Albertville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	0	11	--	-11	--	11	--	3	--
Guntersville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	0	11	--	-11	--	11	--	3	--
Total																			
27th Circuit																			
Marshall	1,886	1,915	2,050	1,895	2,083	2,099	2,288	2,118	2,252	2,238	1,525	-36	-1.6	120	5.7	366	19.4	323	16.9
Albertville	800	839	936	842	913	899	935	854	912	875	645	-23	--	21	--	112	--	36	--
Guntersville	1,086	1,076	1,114	1,053	1,170	1,200	1,353	1,264	1,340	1,363	980	-13	-1.0	99	7.8	254	23.4	287	26.7
28TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
28th Circuit																			
Baldwin	581	783	571	471	648	615	788	678	867	706	658	79	10.0	28	4.1	286	49.2	-77	-9.8
Civil																			
28th Circuit																			
Baldwin	724	762	955	841	1,013	944	1,183	1,220	1,109	1,196	753	-74	-6.3	-24	-2.0	385	53.2	434	57.0
Domestic																			
28th Circuit																			
Baldwin	1,321	1,210	1,363	1,295	1,232	1,437	1,125	1,133	1,171	1,034	561	46	4.1	-99	-8.7	-150	-11.4	-176	-14.5
Juvenile																			
28th Circuit																			
Baldwin	0	0	0	0	82	18	189	101	105	103	154	-84	-44.4	2	2.0	105	--	103	--

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28TH CIRCUIT																			
Total *28th Circuit* **Baldwin**	2,626	2,755	2,889	2,607	2,975	3,014	3,285	3,132	3,252	3,039	2,126	-33	-1.0	-93	-3.0	626	23.8	284	10.3
29TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *29th Circuit* **Talladega**	524	497	560	513	453	480	572	520	521	456	304	-51	-8.9	-64	-12.3	-3	-0.6	-41	-8.2
Civil *29th Circuit* **Talladega**	438	379	480	394	481	441	497	398	495	354	1,072	-2	-0.4	-44	-11.1	57	13.0	-25	-6.6
Domestic *29th Circuit* **Talladega**	987	1,090	954	958	1,167	930	1,125	1,001	1,111	1,051	603	-14	-1.2	50	5.0	124	12.6	-39	-3.6
Juvenile *29th Circuit* **Talladega**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *29th Circuit* **Talladega**	1,949	1,966	1,994	1,865	2,101	1,851	2,194	1,919	2,127	1,861	1,979	-67	-3.1	-58	-3.0	178	9.1	-105	-5.3

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30TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
30th Circuit	406	425	389	361	551	469	479	566	520	467	467	41	8.6	-99	-17.5	114	28.1	42	9.9
Blount	140	180	128	120	226	205	227	281	251	195	159	24	10.6	-86	-30.6	111	79.3	15	8.3
St. Clair	266	245	261	241	325	264	252	285	269	272	308	17	6.7	-13	-4.6	3	1.1	27	11.0
Ashville	119	133	97	72	187	135	101	136	116	93	135	15	14.9	-43	-31.6	-3	-2.5	-40	-30.1
Pell City	147	112	164	169	138	129	151	149	153	179	173	2	1.3	30	20.1	6	4.1	67	59.8
Civil																			
30th Circuit	357	380	408	357	427	409	514	420	485	445	643	-29	-5.6	25	6.0	128	35.9	65	17.1
Blount	126	151	155	140	158	135	188	148	156	157	172	-32	-17.0	9	6.1	30	23.8	6	4.0
St. Clair	231	229	253	217	269	274	326	272	329	288	471	3	0.9	16	5.9	98	42.4	59	25.8
Ashville	96	104	121	70	120	142	144	131	148	137	128	4	2.8	6	4.6	52	54.2	33	31.7
Pell City	135	125	132	147	149	132	182	141	181	151	343	-1	-0.5	10	7.1	46	34.1	26	20.8
Domestic																			
30th Circuit	704	718	820	764	722	718	845	795	760	712	371	-85	-10.1	-83	-10.4	56	8.0	-6	-0.8
Blount	290	304	340	333	325	302	371	358	323	308	125	-48	-12.9	-50	-14.0	33	11.4	4	1.3
St. Clair	414	414	480	431	397	416	474	437	437	404	246	-37	-7.8	-33	-7.6	23	5.6	-10	-2.4
Ashville	144	129	119	117	113	114	146	140	116	99	69	-30	-20.5	-41	-29.3	-28	-19.4	-30	-23.3
Pell City	270	285	361	314	284	302	328	297	321	305	177	-7	-2.1	8	2.7	51	18.9	20	7.0
Juvenile																			
30th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Blount	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
St. Clair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Ashville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Pell City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--

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30TH CIRCUIT																			
Total *30th Circuit*	1,467	1,523	1,617	1,482	1,700	1,596	1,838	1,781	1,765	1,624	1,481	-73	-4.0	-157	-8.8	298	20.3	101	6.6
Blount	556	635	623	593	709	642	786	787	730	660	456	-56	-7.1	-127	-16.1	174	31.3	25	3.9
St. Clair	911	888	994	889	991	954	1,052	994	1,035	964	1,025	-17	-1.6	-30	-3.0	124	13.6	76	8.6
Ashville	359	366	337	259	420	391	391	407	380	329	332	-11	-2.8	-78	-19.2	21	5.8	-37	-10.1
Pell City	552	522	657	630	571	563	661	587	655	635	693	-6	-0.9	48	8.2	103	18.7	113	21.6
31ST CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *31st Circuit* Colbert	269	257	357	324	329	299	383	377	323	371	104	-60	-15.7	-6	-1.6	54	20.1	114	44.4
Civil *31st Circuit* Colbert	508	614	516	580	577	521	565	562	498	603	341	-67	-11.9	41	7.3	-10	-2.0	-11	-1.8
Domestic *31st Circuit* Colbert	655	631	674	680	624	662	748	689	615	610	223	-133	-17.8	-79	-11.5	-40	-6.1	-21	-3.3
Juvenile *31st Circuit* Colbert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *31st Circuit* Colbert	1,432	1,502	1,547	1,584	1,530	1,482	1,696	1,628	1,436	1,584	668	-260	-15.3	-44	-2.7	4	0.3	82	5.5

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
32ND CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *32nd Circuit* Cullman	259	282	363	336	301	294	351	347	331	331	94	-20	-5.7	-16	-4.6	72	27.8	49	17.4
Civil *32nd Circuit* Cullman	342	316	376	404	313	327	467	386	390	366	324	-77	-16.5	-20	-5.2	48	14.0	50	15.8
Domestic *32nd Circuit* Cullman	649	628	734	746	766	758	806	836	788	777	142	-18	-2.2	-59	-7.1	139	21.4	149	23.7
Juvenile *32nd Circuit* Cullman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *32nd Circuit* Cullman	1,250	1,226	1,473	1,486	1,380	1,379	1,624	1,569	1,509	1,474	560	-115	-7.1	-95	-6.1	259	20.7	248	20.2
33RD CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
33rd Circuit	402	393	422	416	552	446	505	574	471	442	123	-34	-6.7	-132	-23.0	69	17.2	49	12.5
Dale	325	316	326	321	444	349	396	480	342	324	75	-54	-13.6	-156	-32.5	17	5.2	8	2.5
Geneva	77	77	96	95	108	97	109	94	129	118	48	20	18.3	24	25.5	52	67.5	41	53.2
Civil																			
33rd Circuit	289	338	323	292	309	265	355	422	354	323	326	-1	-0.3	-99	-23.5	65	22.5	-15	-4.4
Dale	170	192	211	164	196	157	228	294	222	197	198	-6	-2.6	-97	-33.0	52	30.6	5	2.6
Geneva	119	146	112	128	113	108	127	128	132	126	128	5	3.9	-2	-1.6	13	10.9	-20	-13.7

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33RD CIRCUIT																			
Domestic																			
33rd Circuit	1,004	963	922	1,053	951	936	912	995	890	910	188	-22	-2.4	-85	-8.5	-114	-11.4	-53	-5.5
Dale	791	735	699	827	696	701	670	725	681	690	147	11	1.6	-35	-4.8	-110	-13.9	-45	-6.1
Geneva	213	228	223	226	255	235	242	270	209	220	41	-33	-13.6	-50	-18.5	-4	-1.9	-8	-3.5
Juvenile																			
33rd Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Geneva	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
33rd Circuit	1,695	1,694	1,667	1,761	1,812	1,647	1,772	1,991	1,715	1,675	637	-57	-3.2	-316	-15.9	20	1.2	-19	-1.1
Dale	1,286	1,243	1,236	1,312	1,336	1,207	1,294	1,499	1,245	1,211	420	-49	-3.8	-288	-19.2	-41	-3.2	-32	-2.6
Geneva	409	451	431	449	476	440	478	492	470	464	217	-8	-1.7	-28	-5.7	61	14.9	13	2.9
34TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
34th Circuit																			
Franklin	141	173	193	142	193	216	234	217	164	181	43	-70	-29.9	-36	-16.6	23	16.3	8	4.6
Civil																			
34th Circuit																			
Franklin	266	339	286	319	265	268	271	274	246	251	224	-25	-9.2	-23	-8.4	-20	-7.5	-88	-26.0
Domestic																			
34th Circuit																			
Franklin	287	287	297	304	335	334	242	262	308	283	56	66	27.3	21	8.0	21	7.3	-4	-1.4

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34TH CIRCUIT																			
Juvenile																			
34th Circuit																			
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total																			
34th Circuit																			
Franklin	694	799	776	765	793	818	747	753	718	715	323	-29	-3.9	-38	-5.0	24	3.5	-84	-10.5
35TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal																			
35th Circuit	212	140	198	158	198	230	194	177	286	208	230	92	47.4	31	17.5	74	34.9	68	48.6
Conecuh	79	62	90	72	94	133	62	67	85	52	60	23	37.1	-15	-22.4	6	7.6	-10	-16.1
Monroe	133	78	108	86	104	97	132	110	201	156	170	69	52.3	46	41.8	68	51.1	78	100.0
Civil																			
35th Circuit	279	227	287	320	233	210	268	262	266	213	406	-2	-0.7	-49	-18.7	-13	-4.7	-14	-6.2
Conecuh	113	90	114	114	96	93	107	95	104	94	146	-3	-2.8	-1	-1.1	-9	-8.0	4	4.4
Monroe	166	137	173	206	137	117	161	167	162	119	260	1	0.6	-48	-28.7	-4	-2.4	-18	-13.1
Domestic																			
35th Circuit	347	303	303	372	372	356	289	292	340	344	154	51	17.6	52	17.8	-7	-2.0	41	13.5
Conecuh	122	104	92	102	120	116	82	91	109	91	44	27	32.9	0	0.0	-13	-10.7	-13	-12.5
Monroe	225	199	211	270	252	240	207	201	231	253	110	24	11.6	52	25.9	6	2.7	54	27.1
Juvenile																			
35th Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Conecuh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--

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												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
35TH CIRCUIT																			
Total *35th Circuit*	838	670	788	850	803	796	751	731	892	765	790	141	18.8	34	4.7	54	6.4	95	14.2
Conecuh	314	256	296	288	310	342	251	253	298	237	250	47	18.7	-16	-6.3	-16	-5.1	-19	-7.4
Monroe	524	414	492	562	493	454	500	478	594	528	540	94	18.8	50	10.5	70	13.4	114	27.5
36TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *36th Circuit* Lawrence	238	168	202	248	168	156	359	387	339	259	157	-20	-5.6	-128	-33.1	101	42.4	91	54.2
Civil *36th Circuit* Lawrence	207	215	156	150	170	177	200	179	161	158	157	-39	-19.5	-21	-11.7	-46	-22.2	-57	-26.5
Domestic *36th Circuit* Lawrence	285	284	307	265	308	309	250	296	299	274	83	49	19.6	-22	-7.4	14	4.9	-10	-3.5
Juvenile *36th Circuit* Lawrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *36th Circuit* Lawrence	730	667	665	663	646	642	809	862	799	691	397	-10	-1.2	-171	-19.8	69	9.5	24	3.6

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37TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *37th Circuit* Lee	736	754	964	801	1,019	920	780	1,007	930	748	462	150	19.2	-259	-25.7	194	26.4	-6	-0.8
Civil *37th Circuit* Lee	337	336	384	306	418	419	428	482	371	422	228	-57	-13.3	-60	-12.4	34	10.1	86	25.6
Domestic *37th Circuit* Lee	722	728	655	643	700	681	665	686	671	664	203	6	0.9	-22	-3.2	-51	-7.1	-64	-8.8
Juvenile *37th Circuit* Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *37th Circuit* Lee	1,795	1,818	2,003	1,750	2,137	2,020	1,873	2,175	1,972	1,834	893	99	5.3	-341	-15.7	177	9.9	16	0.9
38TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *38th Circuit* Jackson	539	602	516	599	457	503	759	524	498	571	408	-261	-34.4	47	9.0	-41	-7.6	-31	-5.1

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
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38TH CIRCUIT																			
Civil *38th Circuit* Jackson	286	256	297	280	299	347	276	328	251	281	267	-25	-9.1	-47	-14.3	-35	-12.2	25	9.8
Domestic *38th Circuit* Jackson	504	489	550	560	525	532	530	526	574	554	195	44	8.3	28	5.3	70	13.9	65	13.3
Juvenile *38th Circuit* Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total *38th Circuit* Jackson	1,329	1,347	1,363	1,439	1,281	1,382	1,565	1,378	1,323	1,406	870	-242	-15.5	28	2.0	-6	-0.5	59	4.4
39TH CIRCUIT																			
Criminal *39th Circuit* Limestone	338	291	237	159	325	335	433	272	313	301	290	-120	-27.7	29	10.7	-25	-7.4	10	3.4
Civil *39th Circuit* Limestone	267	245	283	236	485	396	474	421	457	368	486	-17	-3.6	-53	-12.6	190	71.2	123	50.2

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39TH CIRCUIT																			
Domestic ***39th Circuit*** **Limestone**	440	447	455	489	476	466	430	390	439	472	129	9	2.1	82	21.0	-1	-0.2	25	5.6
Juvenile ***39th Circuit*** **Limestone**	6	27	14	7	15	11	14	19	7	13	9	-7	-50.0	-6	-31.6	1	16.7	-14	-51.9
Total ***39th Circuit*** **Limestone**	1,051	1,010	989	891	1,301	1,208	1,351	1,102	1,216	1,154	914	-135	-10.0	52	4.7	165	15.7	144	14.3
STATE TOTALS																			
Criminal	31,241	30,354	31,469	31,685	32,192	31,707	34,125	32,262	34,161	31,410	21,979	36	0.1	-852	-2.6	2,920	9.3	1,056	3.5
Civil	29,650	28,758	32,447	30,879	33,984	31,605	37,050	34,329	35,876	35,773	43,665	-1,174	-3.2	1,444	4.2	6,226	21.0	7,015	24.4
Domestic	46,359	46,836	46,801	46,493	47,278	46,974	47,279	46,562	44,805	44,926	14,624	-2,474	-5.2	-1,636	-3.5	-1,554	-3.4	-1,910	-4.1
Juvenile	18,157	18,977	18,947	21,564	18,192	22,921	24,759	19,741	27,873	21,854	14,674	3,114	12.6	2,113	10.7	9,716	53.5	2,877	15.2
Total	125,407	124,925	129,664	130,621	131,646	133,207	143,213	132,894	142,715	133,963	94,942	-498	-0.3	1,069	0.8	17,308	13.8	9,038	7.2

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Autauga																			
Traffic	2,299	2,316	2,426	2,255	2,849	2,514	3,207	2,860	2,941	2,794	460	-266	-8.3	-66	-2.3	642	27.9	478	20.6
Criminal	522	592	594	545	573	494	783	712	803	701	472	20	2.6	-11	-1.5	281	53.8	109	18.4
Small Claims	215	219	285	294	390	376	422	412	448	438	83	26	6.2	26	6.3	233	108.4	219	100.0
Civil	200	198	175	200	222	197	180	195	202	190	56	22	12.2	-5	-2.6	2	1.0	-8	-4.0
Juvenile	325	298	314	368	356	308	299	299	359	371	116	60	20.1	72	24.1	34	10.5	73	24.5
TOTAL	3,561	3,623	3,794	3,662	4,390	3,889	4,891	4,478	4,753	4,494	1,187	-138	-2.8	16	0.4	1,192	33.5	871	24.0
Baldwin																			
Traffic	8,845	8,602	10,192	8,858	13,377	10,550	14,120	11,885	11,404	10,460	13,480	-2,716	-19.2	-1,425	-12.0	2,559	28.9	1,858	21.6
Criminal	2,235	2,846	2,715	2,523	3,031	2,599	3,370	2,275	3,406	2,399	3,480	36	1.1	124	5.5	1,171	52.4	-447	-15.7
Small Claims	866	1,052	1,340	961	1,386	1,064	1,531	1,177	1,324	1,823	1,009	-207	-13.5	646	54.9	458	52.9	771	73.3
Civil	904	867	849	764	1,016	884	927	803	669	761	587	-258	-27.8	-42	-5.2	-235	-26.0	-106	-12.2
Juvenile	459	326	820	727	681	644	658	742	695	621	417	37	5.6	-121	-16.3	236	51.4	295	90.5
TOTAL	13,309	13,693	15,916	13,833	19,491	15,741	20,606	16,882	17,498	16,064	18,973	-3,108	-15.1	-818	-4.8	4,189	31.5	2,371	17.3
Barbour																			
Traffic	3,211	3,066	2,599	2,721	2,998	2,792	3,388	3,209	4,227	4,397	242	839	24.8	1,188	37.0	1,016	31.6	1,331	43.4
Criminal	843	910	894	942	833	877	987	898	970	937	158	-17	-1.7	39	4.3	127	15.1	27	3.0
Small Claims	580	602	706	731	955	940	1,107	1,077	905	858	159	-202	-18.2	-219	-20.3	325	56.0	256	42.5
Civil	209	226	128	154	102	116	175	150	119	165	26	-56	-32.0	15	10.0	-90	-43.1	-61	-27.0
Juvenile	387	326	295	334	350	474	350	421	1,075	963	69	725	207.1	542	128.7	688	177.8	637	195.4
TOTAL	5,230	5,130	4,622	4,882	5,238	5,199	6,007	5,755	7,296	7,320	654	1,289	21.5	1,565	27.2	2,066	39.5	2,190	42.7

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Clayton																			
Traffic	1,371	1,277	1,547	1,623	621	650	704	659	997	916	173	293	41.6	257	39.0	-374	-27.3	-361	-28.3
Criminal	234	245	315	314	276	310	376	314	307	303	66	-69	-18.4	-11	-3.5	73	31.2	58	23.7
Small Claims	118	118	107	133	90	96	79	75	137	114	37	58	73.4	39	52.0	19	16.1	-4	-3.4
Civil	46	46	32	37	22	33	53	32	29	44	11	-24	-45.3	12	37.5	-17	-37.0	-2	-4.3
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
TOTAL	1,769	1,686	2,001	2,107	1,009	1,089	1,212	1,080	1,470	1,377	287	258	21.3	297	27.5	-299	-16.9	-309	-18.3
Eufaula																			
Traffic	1,840	1,789	1,052	1,098	2,377	2,142	2,684	2,550	3,230	3,481	69	546	20.3	931	36.5	1,390	75.5	1,692	94.6
Criminal	609	665	579	628	557	567	611	584	663	634	92	52	8.5	50	8.6	54	8.9	-31	-4.7
Small Claims	462	484	599	598	865	844	1,028	1,002	768	744	122	-260	-25.3	-258	-25.7	306	66.2	260	53.7
Civil	163	180	96	117	80	83	122	118	90	121	15	-32	-26.2	3	2.5	-73	-44.8	-59	-32.8
Juvenile	387	326	295	334	350	474	350	421	1,075	963	69	725	207.1	542	128.7	688	177.8	637	195.4
TOTAL	3,461	3,444	2,621	2,775	4,229	4,110	4,795	4,675	5,826	5,943	367	1,031	21.5	1,268	27.1	2,365	68.3	2,499	72.6
Bibb																			
Traffic	1,865	1,671	1,926	1,871	1,522	1,579	1,560	1,404	3,115	2,873	296	1,555	99.7	1,469	104.6	1,250	67.0	1,202	71.9
Criminal	481	499	517	509	366	391	442	405	652	504	294	210	47.5	99	24.4	171	35.6	5	1.0
Small Claims	154	145	186	155	195	182	246	211	308	330	62	62	25.2	119	56.4	154	100.0	185	127.6
Civil	54	64	38	44	89	60	39	48	88	88	37	49	125.6	40	83.3	34	63.0	24	37.5
Juvenile	198	169	258	222	244	187	250	277	261	232	101	11	4.4	-45	-16.2	63	31.8	63	37.3
TOTAL	2,752	2,548	2,925	2,801	2,416	2,399	2,537	2,345	4,424	4,027	790	1,887	74.4	1,682	71.7	1,672	60.8	1,479	58.0

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Blount																			
Traffic	2,015	1,954	2,120	1,950	2,324	2,148	2,369	2,344	2,851	2,567	866	482	20.3	223	9.5	836	41.5	613	31.4
Criminal	592	573	563	591	698	600	770	751	829	758	289	59	7.7	7	0.9	237	40.0	185	32.3
Small Claims	246	262	297	289	359	351	407	390	480	462	96	73	17.9	72	18.5	234	95.1	200	76.3
Civil	134	129	125	128	131	127	125	128	145	134	43	20	16.0	6	4.7	11	8.2	5	3.9
Juvenile	261	223	303	322	401	361	359	402	468	392	126	109	30.4	-10	-2.5	207	79.3	169	75.8
TOTAL	3,248	3,141	3,408	3,280	3,913	3,587	4,030	4,015	4,773	4,313	1,420	743	18.4	298	7.4	1,525	47.0	1,172	37.3
Bullock																			
Traffic	1,579	1,428	1,282	1,289	1,120	993	2,315	1,940	1,793	1,804	143	-522	-22.5	-136	-7.0	214	13.6	376	26.3
Criminal	378	328	335	327	323	337	452	422	459	432	63	7	1.5	10	2.4	81	21.4	104	31.7
Small Claims	340	280	341	239	391	354	326	368	253	230	50	-73	-22.4	-138	-37.5	-87	-25.6	-50	-17.9
Civil	116	87	104	67	78	59	61	74	66	47	14	5	8.2	-27	-36.5	-50	-43.1	-40	-46.0
Juvenile	155	108	213	105	172	150	171	203	90	78	401	-81	-47.4	-125	-61.6	-65	-41.9	-30	-27.8
TOTAL	2,568	2,231	2,275	2,027	2,084	1,893	3,325	3,007	2,661	2,591	671	-664	-20.0	-416	-13.8	93	3.6	360	16.1
Butler																			
Traffic	2,918	2,677	4,417	4,574	5,253	5,254	6,708	6,733	5,483	5,255	735	-1,225	-18.3	-1,478	-22.0	2,565	87.9	2,578	96.3
Criminal	1,068	955	1,026	1,143	903	936	1,013	1,028	1,017	912	135	4	0.4	-116	-11.3	-51	-4.8	-43	-4.5
Small Claims	704	690	670	678	675	775	824	685	910	861	292	86	10.4	176	25.7	206	29.3	171	24.8
Civil	127	129	93	93	116	129	117	107	118	104	37	1	0.9	-3	-2.8	-9	-7.1	-25	-19.4
Juvenile	199	194	221	220	214	216	185	213	197	191	15	12	6.5	-22	-10.3	-2	-1.0	-3	-1.5
TOTAL	5,016	4,645	6,427	6,708	7,161	7,310	8,847	8,766	7,725	7,323	1,214	-1,122	-12.7	-1,443	-16.5	2,709	54.0	2,678	57.7

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	FY 1984		FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1988	CHANGE FY 1987—FY 1988				CHANGE FY 1984—FY 1988			
	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
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Calhoun																			
Traffic	4,997	4,492	5 489	5,391	5,468	5,002	9,263	7,499	9,172	8,887	972	-91	-1.0	1,388	18.5	4,175	83.6	4,395	97.8
Criminal	1,867	1,790	1,837	1,782	2,762	2,549	3,277	3,092	3,529	3,331	465	252	7.7	239	7.7	1,662	89.0	1,541	86.1
Small Claims	1,556	1,428	2,774	2,181	3,064	2,905	3,016	3,345	2,727	2,696	984	-289	-9.6	-649	-19.4	1,171	75.3	1,268	88.8
Civil	855	737	969	901	916	979	1,015	996	944	1,058	202	-71	-7.0	62	6.2	89	10.4	321	43.6
Juvenile	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	-3	-100.0	0	--
TOTAL	9,278	8,447	11,069	10,255	12,210	11,435	16,571	14,932	16,372	15,972	2,623	-199	-1.2	1,040	7.0	7,094	76.5	7,525	89.1
Chambers																			
Traffic	4,688	4,288	4,882	4,284	5,368	4,885	5,808	4,941	5,614	5,495	169	-194	-3.3	554	11.2	926	19.8	1,207	28.1
Criminal	1,886	1,900	2,084	1,977	2,285	2,266	2,238	2,134	2,621	2,394	689	383	17.1	260	12.2	735	39.0	494	26.0
Small Claims	859	885	1,244	1,070	1,638	1,469	1,743	1,825	1,582	1,524	433	-161	-9.2	-301	-16.5	723	84.2	639	72.2
Civil	431	435	570	380	493	235	394	310	362	247	627	-32	-8.1	-63	-20.3	-69	-16.0	-188	-43.2
Juvenile	369	339	355	326	375	422	369	426	466	461	119	97	26.3	35	8.2	97	26.3	122	36.0
TOTAL	8,233	7,847	9,135	8,037	10,159	9,277	10,552	9,636	10,645	10,121	2,037	93	0.9	485	5.0	2,412	29.3	2,274	29.0
Cherokee																			
Traffic	1,037	1,032	1,097	1,019	1,658	1,513	1,783	1,704	1,708	1,726	111	-75	-4.2	22	1.3	671	64.7	694	67.2
Criminal	943	966	832	866	840	812	817	775	920	934	140	103	12.6	159	20.5	-23	-2.4	-32	-3.3
Small Claims	151	166	309	286	319	316	329	313	269	280	51	-60	-18.2	-33	-10.5	118	78.1	114	68.7
Civil	89	96	79	52	69	99	78	72	112	97	29	34	43.6	25	34.7	23	25.8	1	1.0
Juvenile	140	117	147	129	133	109	187	190	153	153	98	-34	-18.2	-37	-19.5	13	9.3	36	30.8
TOTAL	2,360	2,377	2,464	2,352	3,019	2,849	3,194	3,054	3,162	3,190	429	-32	-1.0	136	4.5	802	34.0	813	34.2

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Chilton																			
Traffic	1,861	1,824	1,506	1,562	1,796	1,755	2,450	2,388	2,219	2,083	537	-231	-9.4	-305	-12.8	358	19.2	259	14.2
Criminal	894	867	997	1,000	814	855	1,141	1,113	1,015	971	191	-126	-11.0	-142	-12.8	121	13.5	104	12.0
Small Claims	425	422	412	420	509	497	581	571	482	463	111	-99	-17.0	-108	-18.9	57	13.4	41	9.7
Civil	239	238	185	204	202	216	187	173	176	182	46	-11	-5.9	9	5.2	-63	-26.4	-56	-23.5
Juvenile	269	264	216	242	212	197	245	218	217	231	92	-28	-11.4	13	6.0	-52	-19.3	-33	-12.5
TOTAL	3,688	3,615	3,316	3,428	3,533	3,520	4,604	4,463	4,109	3,930	977	-495	-10.8	-533	-11.9	421	11.4	315	8.7
Choctaw																			
Traffic	1,156	994	1,976	2,006	1,734	1,962	1,470	1,347	1,804	1,668	256	334	22.7	321	23.8	648	56.1	674	67.8
Criminal	397	359	448	401	445	506	467	464	521	513	124	54	11.6	49	10.6	124	31.2	154	42.9
Small Claims	277	269	363	357	421	430	460	443	513	455	136	53	11.5	12	2.7	236	85.2	186	69.1
Civil	106	87	75	74	38	102	57	54	69	61	38	12	21.1	7	13.0	-37	-34.9	-26	-29.9
Juvenile	81	68	152	107	147	223	186	112	179	145	138	-7	-3.8	33	29.5	98	121.0	77	113.2
TOTAL	2,017	1,777	3,014	2,945	2,785	3,223	2,640	2,420	3,086	2,842	692	446	16.9	422	17.4	1,069	53.0	1,065	59.9
Clarke																			
Traffic	1,593	1,599	1,575	1,591	2,666	2,600	2,202	2,250	1,800	1,828	218	-402	-18.3	-422	-18.8	207	13.0	229	14.3
Criminal	1,132	1,166	976	1,006	1,072	1,016	877	995	801	671	256	-76	-8.7	-324	-32.6	-331	-29.2	-495	-42.5
Small Claims	523	473	608	628	633	623	475	497	741	700	159	266	56.0	203	40.8	218	41.7	227	48.0
Civil	138	162	115	110	109	126	113	114	157	150	51	44	38.9	36	31.6	19	13.8	-12	-7.4
Juvenile	244	221	356	243	208	232	491	439	300	307	230	-191	-38.9	-132	-30.1	56	23.0	86	38.9
TOTAL	3,630	3,621	3,630	3,578	4,688	4,597	4,158	4,295	3,799	3,656	914	-359	-8.6	-639	-14.9	169	4.7	35	1.0

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Clay																			
Traffic	520	462	569	558	1,061	886	1,294	1,403	825	785	141	-469	-36.2	-618	-44.0	305	58.7	323	69.9
Criminal	289	336	197	178	282	241	304	375	284	263	38	-20	-6.6	-112	-29.9	-5	-1.7	-73	-21.7
Small Claims	309	296	265	232	215	374	235	256	275	287	49	40	17.0	31	12.1	-34	-11.0	-9	-3.0
Civil	51	35	44	28	44	59	67	103	74	75	18	7	10.4	-28	-27.2	23	45.1	40	114.3
Juvenile	142	114	204	150	256	130	171	207	122	124	28	-49	-28.7	-83	-40.1	-20	-14.1	10	8.8
TOTAL	1,311	1,243	1,279	1,146	1,858	1,690	2,071	2,344	1,580	1,534	274	-491	-23.7	-810	-34.6	269	20.5	291	23.4
Cleburne																			
Traffic	1,644	1,544	1,955	1,685	2,092	1,713	2,611	2,413	2,056	1,906	1,040	-555	-21.3	-507	-21.0	412	25.1	362	23.4
Criminal	180	151	178	141	179	171	254	284	216	173	52	-38	-15.0	-111	-39.1	36	20.0	22	14.6
Small Claims	85	59	128	155	112	128	140	133	118	84	41	-22	-15.7	-49	-36.8	33	38.8	25	42.4
Civil	35	18	31	48	38	28	52	47	49	45	22	-3	-5.8	-2	-4.3	14	40.0	27	150.0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
TOTAL	1,944	1,772	2,292	2,029	2,421	2,040	3,057	2,877	2,439	2,208	1,155	-618	-20.2	-669	-23.3	495	25.5	436	24.6
Coffee																			
Traffic	1,935	1,955	1,913	1,602	2,177	2,201	1,849	1,737	1,998	1,705	430	149	8.1	-32	-1.8	63	3.3	-250	-12.8
Criminal	1,154	1,114	861	806	1,302	1,041	1,226	951	1,612	1,214	923	386	31.5	263	27.7	458	39.7	100	9.0
Small Claims	1,331	1,546	1,428	1,194	1,420	1,248	1,393	1,341	1,443	1,345	1,153	50	3.6	4	0.3	112	8.4	-201	-13.0
Civil	305	253	236	218	259	161	287	255	281	241	189	-6	-2.1	-14	-5.5	-24	-7.9	-12	-4.7
Juvenile	502	554	645	589	772	736	721	693	801	822	275	80	11.1	129	18.6	299	59.6	268	48.4
TOTAL	5,227	5,422	5,083	4,409	5,930	5,387	5,476	4,977	6,135	5,327	2,970	659	12.0	350	7.0	908	17.4	-95	-1.8

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
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Elba																			
Traffic	1,379	1,316	1,404	1,213	1,206	1,295	1,216	1,027	1,201	1,010	324	-15	-1.2	-17	-1.7	-178	-12.9	-306	-23.3
Criminal	573	555	401	387	412	416	434	402	431	410	121	-3	-0.7	8	2.0	-142	-24.8	-145	-26.1
Small Claims	626	974	487	503	410	371	413	347	426	390	293	13	3.1	43	12.4	-200	-31.9	-584	-60.0
Civil	72	58	53	60	51	40	52	29	47	44	62	-5	-9.6	15	51.7	-25	-34.7	-14	-24.1
Juvenile	125	165	156	151	176	189	171	154	244	228	50	73	42.7	74	48.1	119	95.2	63	38.2
TOTAL	2,775	3,068	2,501	2,314	2,255	2,311	2,286	1,959	2,349	2,082	850	63	2.8	123	6.3	-426	-15.4	-986	-32.1
Enterprise																			
Traffic	556	639	509	389	971	906	633	710	797	695	106	164	25.9	-15	-2.1	241	43.3	56	8.8
Criminal	581	559	460	419	890	625	792	549	1,181	804	802	389	49.1	255	46.4	600	103.3	245	43.8
Small Claims	705	572	941	691	1,010	877	980	994	1,017	955	860	37	3.8	-39	-3.9	312	44.3	383	67.0
Civil	233	195	183	158	208	121	235	226	234	197	127	-1	-0.4	-29	-12.8	1	0.4	2	1.0
Juvenile	377	389	489	438	596	547	550	539	557	594	225	7	1.3	55	10.2	180	47.7	205	52.7
TOTAL	2,452	2,354	2,582	2,095	3,675	3,076	3,190	3,018	3,786	3,245	2,120	596	18.7	227	7.5	1,334	54.4	891	37.9
Colbert																			
Traffic	2,856	2,705	2,648	2,514	2,007	2,026	2,982	2,767	3,687	3,577	602	705	23.6	810	29.3	831	29.1	872	32.2
Criminal	1,163	1,132	1,019	1,086	1,219	1,115	1,262	1,329	1,346	1,166	246	84	6.7	-163	-12.3	183	15.7	34	3.0
Small Claims	1,067	789	1,219	1,685	1,223	1,037	1,406	1,269	1,557	1,397	419	151	10.7	128	10.1	490	45.9	608	77.1
Civil	481	507	390	475	347	335	321	319	301	260	180	-20	-6.2	-59	-18.5	-180	-37.4	-247	-48.7
Juvenile	377	525	453	409	368	425	407	420	405	460	85	-2	-0.5	40	9.5	28	7.4	-65	-12.4
TOTAL	5,944	5,658	5,729	6,169	5,164	4,938	6,378	6,104	7,296	6,860	1,532	918	14.4	756	12.4	1,352	22.7	1,202	21.2

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
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Conecuh																			
Traffic	1,547	1,796	1,330	1,393	1,458	1,180	1,853	1,551	2,050	1,872	1,264	197	10.6	321	20.7	503	32.5	76	4.2
Criminal	819	816	671	664	854	731	779	609	678	581	710	-101	-13.0	-28	-4.6	-141	-17.2	-235	-28.8
Small Claims	620	674	723	653	698	644	665	672	640	670	225	-25	-3.8	-2	-0.3	20	3.2	-4	-0.6
Civil	73	148	52	51	51	51	73	80	71	70	13	-2	-2.7	-10	-12.5	-2	-2.7	-78	-52.7
Juvenile	155	192	253	232	231	228	207	210	237	210	76	30	14.5	0	0.0	82	52.9	18	9.4
TOTAL	3,214	3,626	3,029	2,993	3,292	2,834	3,577	3,122	3,676	3,403	2,288	99	2.8	281	9.0	462	14.4	-223	-6.2
Coosa																			
Traffic	3,395	3,125	3,241	3,271	3,930	3,863	4,299	3,930	3,865	3,883	1,532	-434	-10.1	-47	-1.2	470	13.8	758	24.3
Criminal	570	532	521	449	676	611	553	573	621	717	119	68	12.3	144	25.1	51	8.9	185	34.8
Small Claims	137	114	198	158	192	172	213	179	216	191	284	3	1.4	12	6.7	79	57.7	77	67.5
Civil	28	23	44	29	32	22	34	23	46	125	44	12	35.3	102	443.5	18	64.3	102	443.5
Juvenile	158	131	167	127	153	142	187	150	149	253	54	-38	-20.3	103	68.7	-9	-5.7	122	93.1
TOTAL	4,288	3,925	4,171	4,034	4,983	4,810	5,286	4,855	4,897	5,169	2,033	-389	-7.4	314	6.5	609	14.2	1,244	31.7
Covington																			
Traffic	1,624	1,481	1,366	1,399	2,072	1,874	1,591	1,808	1,303	1,232	185	-288	-18.1	-576	-31.9	-321	-19.8	-249	-16.8
Criminal	1,020	947	1,009	879	1,146	1,022	592	694	696	666	507	104	17.6	-28	-4.0	-324	-31.8	-281	-29.7
Small Claims	535	619	553	522	624	602	623	633	689	646	154	66	10.6	13	2.1	154	28.8	27	4.4
Civil	287	289	281	294	243	249	261	260	251	253	80	-10	-3.8	-7	-2.7	-36	-12.5	-36	-12.5
Juvenile	667	642	740	731	765	695	612	607	841	863	361	229	37.4	256	42.2	174	26.1	221	34.4
TOTAL	4,133	3,978	3,949	3,825	4,850	4,442	3,679	4,002	3,780	3,660	1,287	101	2.7	-342	-8.5	-353	-8.5	-318	-8.0

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Crenshaw																			
Traffic	1,796	1,764	671	809	1,910	1,791	2,027	1,761	1,654	1,726	173	-373	-18.4	-35	-2.0	-142	-7.9	-38	-2.2
Criminal	418	401	460	446	383	505	580	535	545	514	170	-35	-6.0	-21	-3.9	127	30.4	113	28.2
Small Claims	262	218	287	255	263	254	256	305	325	329	69	69	27.0	24	7.9	63	24.0	111	50.9
Civil	75	75	65	65	49	45	54	66	64	90	17	10	18.5	24	36.4	-11	-14.7	15	20.0
Juvenile	57	28	135	70	120	90	252	154	258	264	143	6	2.4	110	71.4	201	352.6	236	842.9
TOTAL	2,608	2,486	1,618	1,645	2,725	2,685	3,169	2,821	2,846	2,923	572	-323	-10.2	102	3.6	238	9.1	437	17.6
Cullman																			
Traffic	3,615	3,635	2,822	3,339	4,458	4,068	4,606	4,046	4,525	4,471	1,980	-81	-1.8	425	10.5	910	25.2	836	23.0
Criminal	2,298	2,200	2,370	2,437	2,823	2,566	3,262	3,041	2,869	2,589	1,514	-393	-12.0	-452	-14.9	571	24.8	389	17.7
Small Claims	640	667	985	937	1,121	964	1,141	1,156	1,317	1,394	475	176	15.4	238	20.6	677	105.8	727	109.0
Civil	439	488	414	534	400	336	380	462	440	394	317	60	15.8	-68	-14.7	1	0.2	-94	-19.3
Juvenile	632	560	765	717	691	591	697	697	936	697	708	239	34.3	0	0.0	304	48.1	137	24.5
TOTAL	7,624	7,550	7,356	7,964	9,493	8,525	10,086	9,402	10,087	9,545	4,994	1	0.0	143	1.5	2,463	32.3	1,995	26.4
Dale																			
Traffic	3,066	2,872	2,968	2,973	2,985	2,954	5,380	4,803	4,632	6,300	356	-748	-13.9	1,497	31.2	1,566	51.1	3,428	119.4
Criminal	994	942	1,290	1,316	1,427	1,377	1,219	1,278	1,241	1,650	12	22	1.8	372	29.1	247	24.8	708	75.2
Small Claims	607	610	690	632	706	670	844	743	934	1,060	195	90	10.7	317	42.7	327	53.9	450	73.8
Civil	353	399	156	162	152	161	212	165	194	128	211	-18	-8.5	-37	-22.4	-159	-45.0	-271	-67.9
Juvenile	274	251	578	513	575	520	630	577	798	730	186	168	26.7	153	26.5	524	191.2	479	190.8
TOTAL	5,294	5,074	5,682	5,596	5,845	5,682	8,285	7,566	7,799	9,868	960	-486	-5.9	2,302	30.4	2,505	47.3	4,794	94.5

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
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Dallas																			
Traffic	4,028	4,010	3,932	3,733	5,513	5,437	5,499	4,926	3,865	3,594	2,485	-1,634	-29.7	-1,332	-27.0	-163	-4.0	-416	-10.4
Criminal	1,485	1,547	1,345	1,410	1,460	1,770	1,349	1,214	1,258	1,177	1,441	-91	-6.7	-37	-3.0	-227	-15.3	-370	-23.9
Small Claims	446	427	685	582	816	954	793	783	735	644	238	-58	-7.3	-139	-17.8	289	64.8	217	50.8
Civil	352	340	283	285	270	382	293	262	284	217	202	-9	-3.1	-45	-17.2	-68	-19.3	-123	-36.2
Juvenile	982	900	1,285	1,077	969	865	889	710	1,040	880	592	151	17.0	170	23.9	58	5.9	-20	-2.2
TOTAL	7,293	7,224	7,530	7,087	9,028	9,408	8,823	7,895	7,182	6,512	4,958	-1,641	-18.6	-1,383	-17.5	-111	-1.5	-712	-9.9
DeKalb																			
Traffic	2,757	2,715	2,666	2,962	2,448	2,162	2,572	2,545	2,317	2,505	176	-255	-9.9	-40	-1.6	-440	-16.0	-210	-7.7
Criminal	1,099	1,178	918	873	916	925	668	594	865	879	656	197	29.5	285	48.0	-234	-21.3	-299	-25.4
Small Claims	290	358	460	309	452	417	527	480	512	350	990	-15	-2.8	-130	-27.1	222	76.6	-8	-2.2
Civil	255	322	277	165	277	210	311	278	281	173	705	-30	-9.6	-105	-37.8	26	10.2	-149	-46.3
Juvenile	433	375	294	231	393	294	446	144	571	335	1,186	125	28.0	191	132.6	138	31.9	-40	-10.7
TOTAL	4,834	4,948	4,615	4,540	4,486	4,008	4,524	4,041	4,546	4,242	3,713	22	0.5	201	5.0	-288	-6.0	-706	-14.3
Elmore																			
Traffic	2,029	1,943	2,108	1,944	2,862	2,596	3,618	3,509	4,059	3,693	1,704	441	12.2	184	5.2	2,030	100.0	1,750	90.1
Criminal	1,237	1,209	1,154	1,100	1,075	1,071	1,160	1,231	1,364	1,288	491	204	17.6	57	4.6	127	10.3	79	6.5
Small Claims	478	466	413	412	658	590	641	667	752	689	247	111	17.3	22	3.3	274	57.3	223	47.9
Civil	298	263	166	193	219	197	262	228	263	294	109	1	0.4	66	28.9	-35	-11.7	31	11.8
Juvenile	551	473	599	507	511	452	544	463	602	582	470	58	10.7	119	25.7	51	9.3	109	23.0
TOTAL	4,593	4,354	4,440	4,156	5,325	4,906	6,225	6,098	7,040	6,546	3,021	815	13.1	448	7.3	2,447	53.3	2,192	50.3

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Escambia																			
Traffic	2,534	2,340	2,219	1,892	2,517	2,206	3,575	3,484	2,433	2,558	166	-1,142	-31.9	-926	-26.6	-101	-4.0	218	9.3
Criminal	1,074	1,196	960	922	1,171	857	824	873	675	574	883	-149	-18.1	-299	-34.2	-399	-37.2	-622	-52.0
Small Claims	436	426	558	431	740	625	696	570	752	677	692	56	8.0	107	18.8	316	72.5	251	58.9
Civil	248	208	451	338	208	248	204	226	159	300	99	-45	-22.1	74	32.7	-89	-35.9	92	44.2
Juvenile	346	307	427	334	443	303	454	517	547	566	315	93	20.5	49	9.5	201	58.1	259	84.4
TOTAL	4,638	4,477	4,615	3,917	5,079	4,239	5,753	5,670	4,566	4,675	2,155	-1,187	-20.6	-995	-17.5	-72	-1.6	198	4.4
Etowah																			
Traffic	2,945	2,899	3,107	2,880	3,017	3,655	3,865	3,814	2,841	2,943	1,615	-1,024	-26.5	-871	-22.8	-104	-3.5	44	1.5
Criminal	1,540	1,453	1,545	1,327	2,010	1,838	1,381	1,323	1,045	989	918	-336	-24.3	-334	-25.2	-495	-32.1	-464	-31.9
Small Claims	1,422	1,301	1,585	1,646	1,921	1,493	2,184	1,563	2,506	2,007	2,326	322	14.7	444	28.4	1,084	76.2	706	54.3
Civil	885	927	785	1,006	755	637	768	512	795	491	1,065	27	3.5	-21	-4.1	-90	-10.2	-436	-47.0
Juvenile	1,142	1,229	1,178	1,150	1,242	961	1,246	949	1,355	1,009	1,556	109	8.7	60	6.3	213	18.7	-220	-17.9
TOTAL	7,934	7,809	8,200	8,009	8,945	8,584	9,444	8,161	8,542	7,439	7,480	-902	-9.6	-722	-8.8	608	7.7	-370	-4.7
Fayette																			
Traffic	2,696	2,880	2,987	2,804	2,932	2,987	2,409	2,261	2,804	2,660	618	395	16.4	399	17.6	108	4.0	-220	-7.6
Criminal	671	734	892	943	792	834	866	837	953	918	227	87	10.0	81	9.7	282	42.0	184	25.1
Small Claims	430	425	445	445	509	522	406	442	439	418	40	33	8.1	-24	-5.4	9	2.1	-7	-1.6
Civil	100	105	98	101	82	68	64	69	63	65	22	-1	-1.6	-4	-5.8	-37	-37.0	-40	-38.1
Juvenile	138	137	112	103	177	171	176	153	257	297	120	81	46.0	144	94.1	119	86.2	160	116.8
TOTAL	4,035	4,281	4,534	4,396	4,492	4,582	3,921	3,762	4,516	4,358	1,027	595	15.2	596	15.8	481	11.9	77	1.8

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Franklin																			
Traffic	2,646	2,721	2,671	2,694	2,983	2,747	3,154	2,955	3,056	3,149	588	-98	-3.1	194	6.6	410	15.5	428	15.7
Criminal	1,776	1,718	1,591	1,750	1,863	1,646	1,910	1,749	1,840	1,738	1,030	-70	-3.7	-11	-0.6	64	3.6	20	1.2
Small Claims	606	621	746	768	907	892	882	781	850	902	214	-32	-3.6	121	15.5	244	40.3	281	45.2
Civil	287	270	191	237	182	180	162	204	168	158	58	6	3.7	-46	-22.5	-119	-41.5	-112	-41.5
Juvenile	538	350	535	474	530	404	662	463	573	539	1,602	-89	-13.4	76	16.4	35	6.5	189	54.0
TOTAL	5,853	5,680	5,734	5,923	6,465	5,869	6,770	6,152	6,487	6,486	3,492	-283	-4.2	334	5.4	634	10.8	806	14.2
Geneva																			
Traffic	2,051	2,037	1,678	1,717	1,227	1,200	1,589	1,476	1,444	1,518	223	-145	-9.1	42	2.8	-607	-29.6	-519	-25.5
Criminal	1,328	1,306	1,256	1,135	1,296	1,212	1,018	890	825	696	185	-193	-19.0	-194	-21.8	-503	-37.9	-610	-46.7
Small Claims	532	533	712	587	890	943	909	929	907	939	100	-2	-0.2	10	1.1	375	70.5	406	76.2
Civil	107	106	96	90	98	112	106	99	131	130	30	25	23.6	31	31.3	24	22.4	24	22.6
Juvenile	285	239	320	304	327	332	304	294	368	326	119	64	21.1	32	10.9	83	29.1	87	36.4
TOTAL	4,303	4,221	4,062	3,833	3,838	3,799	3,926	3,688	3,675	3,609	657	-251	-6.4	-79	-2.1	-628	-14.6	-612	-14.5
Greene																			
Traffic	1,052	886	1,381	1,210	2,102	2,071	2,200	2,033	1,478	1,332	549	-722	-32.8	-701	-34.5	426	40.5	446	50.3
Criminal	425	349	424	324	411	339	434	331	419	272	95	-15	-3.5	-59	-17.8	-6	-1.4	-77	-22.1
Small Claims	134	117	162	149	159	140	144	129	177	139	30	33	22.9	10	7.8	43	32.1	22	18.8
Civil	81	82	46	51	38	28	122	88	52	62	32	-70	-57.4	-26	-29.5	-29	-35.8	-20	-24.4
Juvenile	159	127	225	123	179	135	138	98	133	356	64	-5	-3.6	258	263.3	-26	-16.4	229	180.3
TOTAL	1,851	1,561	2,238	1,857	2,889	2,7[illegible]	3,038	2,679	2,259	2,161	770	-779	-25.6	-518	-19.3	408	22.0	600	38.4

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Hale																			
Traffic	1,433	1,445	1,436	1,396	1,680	1,519	1,617	1,471	1,699	1,556	401	82	5.1	85	5.8	266	18.6	111	7.7
Criminal	492	490	411	472	451	355	476	502	426	393	201	-50	-10.5	-109	-21.7	-66	-13.4	-97	-19.8
Small Claims	271	311	336	332	430	407	537	428	615	492	309	78	14.5	64	15.0	344	126.9	181	58.2
Civil	63	59	47	54	53	41	38	41	72	59	43	34	89.5	18	43.9	9	14.3	0	0.0
Juvenile	187	155	188	187	678	299	390	369	378	231	432	-12	-3.1	-138	-37.4	191	102.1	76	49.0
TOTAL	2,446	2,460	2,418	2,441	3,292	2,621	3,058	2,811	3,190	2,731	1,386	132	4.3	-80	-2.8	744	30.4	271	11.0
Henry																			
Traffic	1,084	1,067	1,097	1,005	2,052	1,780	2,601	2,191	3,434	3,454	398	833	32.0	1,263	57.6	2,350	216.8	2,387	223.7
Criminal	578	596	663	658	868	750	953	960	1,146	784	394	193	20.3	-176	-18.3	568	98.3	188	31.5
Small Claims	410	358	496	505	463	383	387	386	515	538	129	128	33.1	152	39.4	105	25.6	180	50.3
Civil	79	81	67	66	98	69	68	53	83	73	84	15	22.1	20	37.7	4	5.1	-8	-9.9
Juvenile	140	142	251	227	248	232	350	308	292	289	71	-58	-16.6	-19	-6.2	152	108.6	147	103.5
TOTAL	2,291	2,244	2,574	2,461	3,729	3,214	4,359	3,898	5,470	5,138	1,076	1,111	25.5	1,240	31.8	3,179	138.8	2,894	129.0
Houston																			
Traffic	5,326	4,865	5,448	5,352	6,539	6,239	7,537	6,849	5,500	5,510	823	-2,037	-27.0	-1,339	-19.6	174	3.3	645	13.3
Criminal	2,398	2,493	2,548	2,622	3,272	3,079	3,660	3,800	3,874	3,575	725	214	5.8	-225	-5.9	1,476	61.6	1,082	43.4
Small Claims	1,286	1,196	1,794	1,495	2,508	2,215	2,936	2,939	3,167	2,836	1,279	231	7.9	-103	-3.5	1,881	146.3	1,640	137.1
Civil	685	716	570	512	571	572	754	738	840	775	574	86	11.4	37	5.0	155	22.6	59	8.2
Juvenile	900	859	1,098	976	985	892	809	939	862	930	249	53	6.6	-9	-1.0	-38	-4.2	71	8.3
TOTAL	10,595	10,129	11,458	10,957	13,875	12,997	15,696	15,265	14,243	13,626	3,650	-1,453	-9.3	-1,639	-10.7	3,648	34.4	3,497	34.5

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Jackson																			
Traffic	2,744	2,219	2,639	2,426	2,611	2,307	2,285	1,988	2,439	2,016	552	154	6.7	28	1.4	-305	-11.1	-203	-9.1
Criminal	1,717	1,636	1,510	1,255	1,804	1,295	2,132	2,213	2,635	2,315	1,261	503	23.6	102	4.6	918	53.5	679	41.5
Small Claims	671	596	781	694	1,019	892	999	1,735	1,142	1,311	319	143	14.3	-424	-24.4	471	70.2	.715	120.0
Civil	238	196	243	216	174	164	218	404	222	174	151	4	1.8	-230	-56.9	-16	-6.7	-22	-11.2
Juvenile	668	575	857	742	898	814	895	819	1,117	1,221	329	222	24.8	402	49.1	449	67.2	646	112.3
TOTAL	6,038	5,222	6,030	5,333	6,506	5,472	6,529	7,159	7,555	7,037	2,612	—1,026	15.7	-122	-1.7	1,517	25.1	1,815	34.8
Jefferson																			
Traffic	19,942	19,806	20,630	20,309	21,533	18,736	20,865	20,820	18,906	19,049	6,628	-1,959	-9.4	-1,771	-8.5	-1,036	-5.2	-757	-3.8
Criminal	8,475	8,666	8,206	7,672	9,147	7,913	8,343	7,949	9,589	8,974	6,657	1,246	14.9	1,025	12.9	1,114	13.1	308	3.6
Small Claims	25,794	25,682	30,672	26,816	37,110	31,886	33,004	28,368	30,095	35,797	18,633	-2,909	-8.8	7,429	26.2	4,301	16.7	10,115	39.4
Civil	19,525	19,441	15,128	15,707	15,101	13,774	15,174	13,741	16,955	20,196	6,086	1,781	11.7	6,455	47.0	-2,570	-13.2	755	3.9
Juvenile	1,555	1,735	1,788	1,375	2,063	1,893	2,024	1,888	2,066	2,293	225	42	2.1	405	21.5	511	32.9	558	32.2
TOTAL	75,291	75,330	76,424	71,879	84,954	74,202	79,410	72,766	77,611	86,309	38,229	-1,799	-2.3	13,543	18.6	2,320	3.1	10,979	14.6
Birmingham																			
Traffic	13,590	13,426	13,546	13,810	15,472	13,056	14,649	14,954	13,040	13,444	5,427	-1,609	-11.0	-1,510	-10.1	-550	-4.0	18	0.1
Criminal	5,626	5,546	5,596	5,165	6,252	5,577	5,998	5,321	6,926	6,361	3,916	928	15.5	1,040	19.5	1,300	23.1	815	14.7
Small Claims	23,302	23,125	28,147	23,981	34,545	29,251	30,440	25,987	27,484	33,289	17,396	-2,956	-9.7	7,302	28.1	4,182	17.9	10,164	44.0
Civil	18,148	18,097	13,862	14,143	14,105	12,713	14,192	12,815	15,913	19,153	5,627	1,721	12.1	6,338	49.5	-2,235	-12.3	1,056	5.8
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
TOTAL	60,666	60,194	61,151	57,099	70,374	60,597	65,279	59,077	63,363	72,247	32,366	-1,916	-2.9	13,170	22.3	2,697	4.4	12,053	20.0

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Bessemer																			
Traffic	6,352	6,380	7,084	6,499	6,061	5,680	6,216	5,866	5,866	5,605	1,201	-350	-5.6	-261	-4.4	-486	-7.7	-775	-12.1
Criminal	2,849	3,120	2,610	2,507	2,895	2,336	2,345	2,628	2,663	2,613	2,741	318	13.6	-15	-0.6	-186	-6.5	-507	-16.3
Small Claims	2,492	2,557	2,525	2,835	2,565	2,635	2,564	2,381	2,611	2,508	1,237	47	1.8	127	5.3	119	4.8	-49	-1.9
Civil	1,377	1,344	1,266	1,564	996	1,061	982	926	1,042	1,043	459	60	6.1	117	12.6	-335	-24.3	-301	-22.4
Juvenile	1,555	1,735	1,788	1,375	2,063	1,893	2,024	1,888	2,066	2,293	225	42	2.1	405	21.5	511	32.9	558	32.2
TOTAL	14,625	15,136	15,273	14,780	14,580	13,605	14,131	13,689	14,248	14,062	5,863	117	0.8	373	2.7	-377	-2.6	-1,074	-7.1
Lamar																			
Traffic	1,461	1,514	1,534	1,388	1,484	1,455	1,598	1,538	1,218	1,263	522	-380	-23.8	-275	-17.9	-243	-16.6	-251	-16.6
Criminal	707	655	787	730	772	697	819	820	831	817	293	12	1.5	-3	-0.4	124	17.5	162	24.7
Small Claims	214	251	417	307	342	367	324	368	418	551	43	94	29.0	183	49.7	204	95.3	300	119.5
Civil	63	53	99	87	88	53	57	53	81	115	37	24	42.1	62	117.0	18	28.6	62	117.0
Juvenile	131	130	153	138	173	162	154	165	157	158	58	3	1.9	-7	-4.2	26	19.8	28	21.5
TOTAL	2,576	2,603	2,990	2,650	2,859	2,734	2,952	2,944	2,705	2,904	953	-247	-8.4	-40	-1.4	129	5.0	301	11.6
Lauderdale																			
Traffic	3,763	3,328	3,559	3,535	3,034	2,975	4,045	3,668	3,460	2,473	2,446	-585	-14.5	-1,195	-32.6	-303	-8.1	-855	-25.7
Criminal	2,022	2,173	1,539	1,619	1,362	1,227	1,330	1,115	1,304	1,034	1,133	-26	-2.0	-81	-7.3	-718	-35.5	-1,139	-52.4
Small Claims	1,289	1,341	1,482	1,454	1,885	1,618	1,994	1,824	1,609	1,604	865	-385	-19.3	-220	-12.1	320	24.8	263	19.6
Civil	613	652	524	553	444	495	466	386	473	423	324	7	1.5	37	9.6	-140	-22.8	-229	-35.1
Juvenile	958	766	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	-958	-100.0	-766	-100.0
TOTAL	8,645	8,260	7,104	7,161	6,725	6,315	7,835	6,993	6,846	5,534	4,768	-989	-12.6	-1,459	-20.9	-1,799	-20.8	-2,726	-33.0

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	FY 1984		FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1988	CHANGE FY 1987—FY 1988				CHANGE FY 1984—FY 1988			
	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
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Lawrence																			
Traffic	1,496	1,410	1,350	1,298	1,181	1,078	3,300	2,941	4,125	3,661	854	825	25.0	720	24.5	2,629	175.7	2,251	159.6
Criminal	761	654	857	853	779	738	1,303	1,185	1,278	970	560	-25	-1.9	-215	-18.1	517	67.9	316	48.3
Small Claims	357	360	411	403	479	437	565	611	504	475	94	-61	-10.8	-136	-22.3	147	41.2	115	31.9
Civil	152	152	118	124	131	124	197	185	144	152	53	-53	-26.9	-33	-17.8	-8	-5.3	0	--
Juvenile	323	300	231	297	295	241	307	321	376	390	170	69	22.5	69	21.5	53	16.4	90	30.0
TOTAL	3,089	2,876	2,967	2,975	2,865	2,618	5,672	5,243	6,427	5,648	1,731	755	13.3	405	7.7	3,338	108.1	2,772	96.4
Lee																			
Traffic	5,306	6,167	5,613	6,889	6,276	5,516	4,834	6,208	3,529	4,055	1,053	-1,305	-27.0	-2,153	-34.7	-1,777	-33.5	-2,112	-34.2
Criminal	2,370	1,901	2,694	1,981	2,659	2,244	2,644	2,215	1,986	3,681	2,394	-658	-24.9	1,466	66.2	-384	-16.2	1,780	93.6
Small Claims	1,205	1,125	1,660	1,240	2,744	2,429	2,188	2,217	2,128	2,055	1,097	-60	-2.7	-162	-7.3	923	76.6	930	82.7
Civil	470	427	668	584	560	536	576	618	596	567	310	20	3.5	-51	-8.3	126	26.8	140	32.8
Juvenile	985	909	1,225	1,002	1,593	1,542	1,531	1,455	1,814	1,320	1,099	283	18.5	-135	-9.3	829	84.2	411	45.2
TOTAL	10,336	10,529	11,860	11,696	13,832	12,267	11,773	12,713	10,053	11,678	5,953	-1,720	-14.6	-1,035	-8.1	-283	-2.7	1,149	10.9
Limestone																			
Traffic	4,548	4,768	4,187	4,175	3,969	3,623	4,848	4,546	3,679	3,977	636	-1,169	-24.1	-569	-12.5	-869	-19.1	-791	-16.6
Criminal	1,878	1,861	2,448	2,245	2,445	2,262	3,158	2,954	3,340	3,122	794	182	5.8	168	5.7	1,462	77.8	1,261	67.8
Small Claims	748	844	846	586	977	1,145	1,089	832	1,024	1,035	524	-65	-6.0	203	24.4	276	36.9	191	22.6
Civil	192	161	156	134	223	278	239	200	226	218	119	-13	-5.4	18	9.0	34	17.7	57	35.4
Juvenile	531	617	368	317	391	468	527	495	381	354	212	-146	-27.7	-141	-28.5	-150	-28.2	-263	-42.6
TOTAL	7,897	8,251	8,005	7,457	8,005	7,776	9,861	9,027	8,650	8,706	2,285	-1,211	-12.3	-321	-3.6	753	9.5	455	5.5

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Lowndes																			
Traffic	1,756	1,632	1,764	1,661	2,146	1,764	2,356	2,083	2,443	2,314	304	87	3.7	231	11.1	687	39.1	682	41.8
Criminal	365	340	531	423	383	349	593	475	675	770	199	82	13.8	295	62.1	310	84.9	430	126.5
Small Claims	95	98	143	151	200	168	228	226	270	271	59	42	18.4	45	19.9	175	184.2	173	176.5
Civil	41	47	35	37	41	44	52	45	69	63	27	17	32.7	18	40.0	28	68.3	16	34.0
Juvenile	611	660	396	282	447	296	327	250	367	279	97	40	12.2	29	11.6	-244	-39.9	-381	-57.7
TOTAL	2,868	2,777	2,869	2,554	3,217	2,621	3,556	3,079	3,824	3,697	686	268	7.5	618	20.1	956	33.3	920	33.1
Macon																			
Traffic	3,898	3,148	3,403	3,029	3,555	3,009	3,602	3,406	3,349	3,082	324	-253	-7.0	-324	-9.5	-549	-14.1	-66	-2.1
Criminal	1,04[illegible]	942	1,290	1,137	1,523	1,432	939	1,020	754	760	118	-185	-19.7	-260	-25.5	-295	-28.1	-182	-19.3
Small Claims	351	266	596	563	718	624	729	744	738	618	286	9	1.2	-126	-16.9	387	110.3	352	132.3
Civil	242	214	251	238	233	202	221	243	288	233	117	67	30.3	-10	-4.1	46	19.0	19	8.9
Juvenile	217	218	331	331	287	287	305	305	400	400	0	95	31.1	95	31.1	183	84.3	182	83.5
TOTAL	5,757	4,788	5,871	5,298	6,316	5,554	5,796	5,718	5,529	5,093	845	-267	-4.6	-625	-10.9	-228	-4.0	305	6.4
Madison																			
Traffic	4,160	4,623	4,728	4,787	5,795	6,069	7,149	6,957	5,993	5,693	953	-1,156	-16.2	-1,264	-18.2	1,833	44.1	1,070	23.1
Criminal	3,530	3,478	3,866	3,663	4,993	5,364	4,572	5,276	4,413	4,210	548	-159	-3.5	-1,066	-20.2	883	25.0	732	21.0
Small Claims	3,044	3,041	4,121	3,657	5,756	5,099	5,798	5,407	6,030	6,160	1,847	232	4.0	753	13.9	2,986	98.1	3,119	102.6
Civil	2,417	2,491	2,275	2,288	2,855	2,583	2,989	2,836	2,907	2,871	714	-82	-2.7	35	1.2	490	20.3	380	15.3
Juvenile	2,705	2,604	2,848	2,925	2,463	2,624	2,933	2,784	2,372	2,607	605	-561	-19.1	-177	-6.4	-333	-12.3	3	0.1
TOTAL	15,856	16,237	17,838	17,320	21,862	21,739	23,441	23,260	21,715	21,541	4,667	-1,726	-7.4	-1,719	-7.4	5,859	37.0	5,304	32.7

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	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
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Marengo																			
Traffic	2,185	2,183	2,353	2,507	2,899	2,877	2,378	2,407	2,270	2,427	230	-108	-4.5	20	0.8	85	3.9	244	11.2
Criminal	751	678	775	772	860	793	914	924	951	857	249	37	4.0	-67	-7.3	200	26.6	179	26.4
Small Claims	460	435	473	463	558	569	694	680	727	689	95	33	4.8	9	1.3	267	58.0	254	58.4
Civil	137	120	107	131	106	108	119	118	161	136	134	42	35.3	18	15.3	24	17.5	16	13.3
Juvenile	348	297	560	795	422	259	470	375	221	169	190	-249	-53.0	-206	-54.9	-127	-36.5	-128	-43.1
TOTAL	3,881	3,713	4,268	4,668	4,845	4,606	4,575	4,504	4,330	4,278	898	-245	-5.4	-226	-5.0	449	11.6	565	15.2
Marion																			
Traffic	1,712	1,637	1,360	1,312	1,633	1,354	2,435	2,056	1,955	1,941	138	-480	-19.7	-115	-5.6	243	14.2	304	18.6
Criminal	958	877	879	1,110	782	477	803	649	940	618	774	137	17.1	-31	-4.8	-18	-1.9	-259	-29.5
Small Claims	240	150	415	279	392	290	592	411	676	475	1,098	84	14.2	64	15.6	436	181.7	325	216.7
Civil	112	85	180	122	129	104	218	199	274	192	531	56	25.7	-7	-3.5	162	144.6	107	125.9
Juvenile	173	89	240	123	244	146	235	152	215	167	395	-20	-8.5	15	9.9	42	24.3	78	87.6
TOTAL	3,195	2,838	3,074	2,946	3,180	2,371	4,283	3,467	4,060	3,393	2,936	-223	-5.2	-74	-2.1	865	27.1	555	19.6
Marshall																			
Traffic	2,114	2,144	2,120	1,698	2,745	2,781	4,029	3,722	3,097	3,234	500	-932	-23.1	-488	-13.1	983	46.5	1,090	50.8
Criminal	2,614	2,659	2,122	1,906	2,537	2,378	2,481	2,582	2,454	2,458	437	-27	-1.1	-124	-4.8	-160	-6.1	-201	-7.6
Small Claims	868	1,409	1,246	1,096	1,370	1,636	1,478	1,518	1,948	1,803	643	470	31.8	285	18.8	1,080	124.4	394	28.0
Civil	544	731	432	471	405	628	438	449	498	521	145	60	13.7	72	16.0	-46	-8.5	-210	-28.7
Juvenile	446	359	743	794	576	640	639	725	713	614	286	74	11.6	-111	-15.3	267	59.9	255	71.0
TOTAL	6,586	7,302	6,663	5,965	7,633	8,063	9,065	8,996	8,710	8,630	2,011	-355	-3.9	-366	-4.1	2,124	32.3	1,328	18.2

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Guntersville																			
Traffic	1,399	1,344	1,479	1,076	2,013	2,138	2,899	2,658	1,945	2,129	288	-954	-32.9	-529	-19.9	546	39.0	785	58.4
Criminal	1,545	1,635	1,220	1,088	1,346	1,289	1,413	1,394	1,520	1,435	326	107	7.6	41	2.9	-25	-1.6	-200	-12.2
Small Claims	423	622	546	516	660	723	705	636	930	880	373	225	31.9	244	38.4	507	119.9	258	41.5
Civil	256	333	188	184	205	281	257	204	305	309	105	48	18.7	105	51.5	49	19.1	-24	-7.2
Juvenile	446	359	743	794	576	640	639	725	713	614	286	74	11.6	-111	-15.3	267	59.9	255	71.0
TOTAL	4,069	4,293	4,176	3,658	4,800	5,071	5,913	5,617	5,413	5,367	1,378	-500	-8.5	-250	-4.5	1,344	33.0	1,074	25.0
Albertville																			
Traffic	715	800	641	622	732	643	1,130	1,064	1,152	1,105	212	22	1.9	41	3.9	437	61.1	305	38.1
Criminal	1,069	1,024	902	818	1,191	1,089	1,068	1,188	934	1,023	111	-134	-12.5	-165	-13.9	-135	-12.6	-1	-0.1
Small Claims	445	787	700	580	710	913	773	882	1,018	923	270	245	31.7	41	4.6	573	128.8	136	17.3
Civil	288	398	244	287	200	347	181	245	193	212	40	12	6.6	-33	-13.5	-95	-33.0	-186	-46.7
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
TOTAL	2,517	3,009	2,487	2,307	2,833	2,992	3,152	3,379	3,297	3,263	633	145	4.6	-116	-3.4	780	31.0	254	8.4
Mobile																			
Traffic	10,730	10,859	11,002	10,709	12,284	11,300	11,750	12,076	13,805	13,769	1,724	2,055	17.5	1,693	14.0	3,075	28.7	2,910	26.8
Criminal	9,133	8,660	8,843	9,249	9,456	8,919	10,082	9,484	10,536	10,138	2,742	454	4.5	654	6.9	1,403	15.4	1,478	17.1
Small Claims	4,605	4,841	6,456	5,720	7,767	6,694	8,454	6,795	7,937	5,939	8,360	-517	-6.1	-856	-12.6	3,332	72.4	1,098	22.7
Civil	8,234	8,676	7,219	8,387	7,029	6,614	6,968	6,370	6,329	5,676	4,157	-639	-[illegible]	-694	-10.9	-1,905	-23.1	-3,000	-34.6
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	[illegible]	0	--	0	--	0	--
TOTAL	32,702	33,036	33,520	34,065	36,536	33,527	37,254	34,725	38,607	35,522	16,983	1,353	3.[illegible]	797	2.3	5,905	18.1	2,486	7.5

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Monroe																			
Traffic	1,175	1,182	1,154	1,152	1,470	1,545	1,633	1,564	1,510	1,779	-51	-123	-7.5	215	13.7	335	28.5	597	50.5
Criminal	895	851	888	1,114	870	795	908	881	1,036	934	290	128	14.1	53	6.0	141	15.8	83	9.8
Small Claims	717	960	743	805	787	759	678	771	918	724	318	240	35.4	-47	-6.1	201	28.0	-236	-24.6
Civil	160	181	119	229	151	137	123	159	164	96	134	41	33.3	-63	-39.6	4	2.5	-85	-47.0
Juvenile	219	211	333	446	248	293	269	247	222	232	139	-47	-17.5	-15	-6.1	3	1.4	21	10.0
TOTAL	3,166	3,385	3,237	3,746	3,526	3,529	3,611	3,622	3,850	3,765	830	239	6.6	143	3.9	684	21.6	380	11.2
Montgomery																			
Traffic	10,121	10,254	8,408	9,037	8,442	8,805	9,559	8,986	9,675	9,738	2,346	116	1.2	752	8.4	-446	-4.4	-516	-5.0
Criminal	4,354	4,346	5,194	4,572	5,580	5,063	5,872	4,136	7,384	5,652	5,838	1,512	25.7	1,516	36.7	3,030	69.6	1,306	30.1
Small Claims	4,501	4,771	4,328	4,193	4,733	5,078	4,532	5,160	5,101	6,176	400	569	12.6	1,016	19.7	600	13.3	1,405	29.4
Civil	3,845	3,981	3,342	3,312	3,039	3,370	3,588	4,002	3,934	4,465	28	346	9.6	463	11.6	89	2.3	484	12.2
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
TOTAL	22,821	23,352	21,272	21,114	21,794	22,316	23,551	22,284	26,094	26,031	8,612	2,543	10.8	3,747	16.8	3,273	14.3	2,679	11.5
Morgan																			
Traffic	5,795	6,229	4,286	4,810	4,461	4,337	6,117	5,809	4,696	4,889	1,026	-1,421	-23.2	-920	-15.8	-1,099	-19.0	-1,340	-21.5
Criminal	2,303	2,047	2,297	2,272	3,068	2,494	3,136	2,613	3,997	[illegible],105	2,354	861	27.5	492	18.8	1,694	73.6	1,058	51.7
Small Claims	1,033	1,139	1,337	1,283	1,667	1,619	1,761	1,725	2,129	2,022	312	368	20.9	297	17.2	1,096	106.1	883	77.5
Civil	642	816	539	616	630	601	678	653	958	780	266	280	41.3	127	19.4	316	49.2	-36	-4.4
Juvenile	1,074	1,055	1,074	1,134	1,266	1,118	1,325	1,514	1,467	1,288	553	142	10.7	-226	-14.9	393	36.6	233	22.1
TOTAL	10,847	11,286	9,533	10,115	11,092	10,169	13,017	12,314	13,247	12,084	4,511	230	1.8	-230	-1.9	2,400	22.1	798	7.1

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Perry																			
Traffic	825	835	921	846	1,042	991	1,196	1,130	1,032	1,034	160	-164	-13.7	-96	-8.5	207	25.1	199	23.8
Criminal	413	392	358	360	338	316	641	551	751	753	180	110	17.2	202	36.7	338	81.8	361	92.1
Small Claims	184	206	252	239	206	215	275	265	348	300	80	73	26.5	35	13.2	164	89.1	94	45.6
Civil	77	70	60	61	52	57	63	51	70	67	24	7	11.1	16	31.4	-7	-9.1	-3	-4.3
Juvenile	527	513	410	382	413	360	608	626	293	326	137	-315	-51.8	-300	-47.9	-234	-44.4	-187	-36.5
TOTAL	2,026	2,016	2,001	1,888	2,051	1,939	2,783	2,623	2,494	2,480	581	-289	-10.4	-143	-5.5	468	23.1	464	23.0
Pickens																			
Traffic	881	888	841	740	924	810	1,620	1,712	2,145	1,930	390	525	32.4	218	12.7	1,264	143.5	1,042	117.3
Criminal	306	342	287	292	342	375	581	572	561	470	236	-20	-3.4	-102	-17.8	255	83.3	128	37.4
Small Claims	172	137	210	196	326	273	280	387	432	424	109	152	54.3	37	9.6	260	151.2	287	209.5
Civil	71	65	69	80	109	99	82	112	116	107	38	34	41.5	-5	-4.5	45	63.4	42	64.6
Juvenile	100	163	66	55	14	13	216	189	223	235	119	7	3.2	46	24.3	123	123.0	72	44.2
TOTAL	1,530	1,595	1,473	1,363	1,715	1,570	2,779	2,972	3,477	3,166	892	698	25.1	194	6.5	1,947	127.3	1,571	98.5
Pike																			
Traffic	2,416	2,562	2,434	2,225	2,492	2,226	3,103	2,827	3,588	3,405	322	485	15.6	578	20.4	1,172	48.5	843	32.9
Criminal	805	818	722	776	1,008	908	1,187	1,182	1,011	975	519	-176	-14.8	-207	-17.5	206	25.6	157	19.2
Small Claims	276	303	408	370	401	414	762	713	735	716	120	-27	-3.5	3	0.4	459	166.3	413	136.3
Civil	142	140	169	180	117	115	130	115	177	158	72	47	36.2	43	37.4	35	24.6	18	12.9
Juvenile	596	561	575	569	606	561	812	658	675	654	261	-137	-16.9	-4	-0.6	79	13.3	93	16.6
TOTAL	4,235	4,384	4,308	4,120	4,624	4,224	5,994	5,495	6,186	5,908	1,294	192	3.2	413	7.5	1,951	46.1	1,524	34.8

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Randolph																			
Traffic	449	526	417	397	699	700	816	737	1,031	1,034	122	215	26.3	297	40.3	582	129.6	508	96.6
Criminal	654	693	531	632	526	751	558	566	697	652	216	139	24.9	86	15.2	43	6.6	-41	-5.9
Small Claims	475	551	612	613	941	898	885	869	799	832	117	-86	-9.7	-37	-4.3	324	68.2	281	51.0
Civil	98	97	83	110	138	96	116	102	128	158	33	12	10.3	56	54.9	30	30.6	61	62.9
Juvenile	133	121	226	167	216	197	150	159	161	151	99	11	7.3	-8	-5.0	28	21.1	30	24.8
TOTAL	1,809	1,988	1,869	1,919	2,520	2,642	2,525	2,433	2,816	2,827	587	291	11.5	394	16.2	1,007	55.7	839	42.2
Russell																			
Traffic	4,279	4,184	4,076	3,808	3,674	3,712	3,997	4,111	4,561	4,832	232	564	14.1	721	17.5	282	6.6	648	15.5
Criminal	1,441	1,343	1,470	1,389	1,370	1,351	1,308	1,423	1,190	1,174	110	-118	-9.0	-249	-17.5	-251	-17.4	-169	-12.6
Small Claims	862	953	1,078	1,043	1,274	1,244	1,110	1,153	1,434	1,384	169	324	29.2	231	20.0	572	66.4	431	45.2
Civil	276	272	220	226	259	241	257	271	303	288	63	46	17.9	17	6.3	27	9.8	16	5.9
Juvenile	1,004	987	1,332	1,218	1,184	1,196	1,086	1,166	923	920	158	-163	-15.0	-246	-21.1	-81	-8.1	-67	-6.8
TOTAL	7,862	7,739	8,176	7,684	7,761	7,744	7,758	8,124	8,411	8,598	732	653	8.4	474	5.8	549	7.0	859	11.1
St. Clair																			
Traffic	2,824	2,717	3,173	2,977	2,823	2,596	2,661	2,443	2,620	2,334	503	-41	-1.5	-109	-4.5	-204	-7.2	-383	-14.1
Criminal	1,868	1,800	1,783	1,671	1,644	1,564	1,540	1,325	1,959	1,601	524	419	27.2	276	20.8	91	4.9	-199	-11.1
Small Claims	268	286	397	371	413	403	525	487	622	628	149	97	18.5	141	29.0	354	132.1	342	119.6
Civil	225	239	275	268	198	189	231	247	268	279	65	37	16.0	32	13.0	43	19.1	40	16.7
Juvenile	148	174	188	179	213	207	183	194	240	232	46	57	31.1	38	19.6	92	62.2	58	33.3
TOTAL	5,333	5,216	5,816	5,466	5,291	4,959	5,140	4,696	5,709	5,074	1,287	569	11.1	378	8.0	376	7.1	-142	-2.7

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Ashville																			
Traffic	1,619	1,524	1,572	1,555	1,239	1,096	1,079	1,009	1,259	1,107	262	180	16.7	98	9.7	-360	-22.2	-417	-27.4
Criminal	598	571	626	567	556	561	416	379	600	534	172	184	44.2	155	40.9	2	0.3	-37	-6.5
Small Claims	118	126	129	131	127	117	169	162	224	197	70	55	32.5	35	21.6	106	89.8	71	56.3
Civil	80	74	74	85	77	71	88	85	91	86	23	3	3.4	1	1.2	11	13.8	12	16.2
Juvenile	56	64	79	79	81	80	45	51	94	74	27	49	108.9	23	45.1	38	67.9	10	15.6
TOTAL	2,471	2,359	2,480	2,417	2,080	1,925	1,797	1,686	2,268	1,998	554	471	26.2	312	18.5	-203	-8.2	-361	-15.3
Pell City																			
Traffic	1,205	1,193	1,601	1,422	1,584	1,500	1,582	1,434	1,361	1,227	241	-221	-14.0	-207	-14.4	156	12.9	34	2.8
Criminal	1,270	1,229	1,157	1,104	1,088	1,003	1,124	946	1,359	1,067	352	235	20.9	121	12.8	89	7.0	-162	-13.2
Small Claims	150	160	268	240	286	286	356	325	398	431	79	42	11.8	106	32.6	248	165.3	271	169.4
Civil	145	165	201	183	121	118	143	162	177	193	42	34	23.8	31	19.1	32	22.1	28	17.0
Juvenile	92	110	109	100	132	127	138	143	146	158	19	8	5.8	15	10.5	54	58.7	48	43.6
TOTAL	2,862	2,857	3,336	3,049	3,211	3,034	3,343	3,010	3,441	3,076	733	98	2.9	66	2.2	579	20.2	219	7.7
Shelby																			
Traffic	2,748	2,767	3,251	3,082	4,579	4,159	4,697	4,339	3,991	5,133	-559	-706	-15.0	794	18.3	1,243	45.2	2,366	85.5
Criminal	1,824	1,845	2,056	1,803	2,472	2,310	2,744	2,705	2,392	2,227	1,323	-352	-12.8	-478	-17.7	568	31.1	382	20.7
Small Claims	1,373	1,227	2,283	1,800	3,534	3,140	3,483	3,507	2,841	3,036	1,304	-642	-18.4	-471	-13.4	1,468	106.9	1,809	147.4
Civil	738	753	799	805	1,120	937	1,188	991	1,053	1,203	491	-135	-11.4	212	21.4	315	42.7	450	59.8
Juvenile	1,343	1,112	1,613	1,278	790	839	726	765	959	778	556	233	32.1	13	1.7	-384	-28.6	-334	-30.0
TOTAL	8,026	7,704	10,002	8,768	12,495	11,385	12,838	12,307	11,236	12,377	3,115	-1,602	-12.5	70	0.6	3,210	40.0	4,673	60.7

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Sumter																			
Traffic	1,730	1,610	1,629	1,431	2,255	1,818	2,017	1,616	2,358	2,056	114	341	16.9	440	27.2	628	36.3	446	27.7
Criminal	775	690	759	507	760	602	787	539	857	709	127	70	8.9	170	31.5	82	10.6	19	2.8
Small Claims	478	451	504	485	567	556	554	523	404	390	113	-150	-27.1	-133	-25.4	-74	-15.5	-61	-13.5
Civil	112	113	83	71	58	56	53	52	50	53	46	-3	-5.7	1	1.9	-62	-55.4	-60	-53.1
Juvenile	393	322	361	467	524	520	543	447	0	0	0	-543	-100.0	-447	-100.0	-393	-100.0	-322	-100.0
TOTAL	3,488	3,186	3,336	2,961	4,164	3,552	3,954	3,177	3,669	3,208	400	-285	-7.2	31	1.0	181	5.2	22	0.7
Talladega																			
Traffic	3,229	3,067	2,381	2,463	3,104	2,658	4,419	3,960	4,453	4,225	3,384	34	0.8	265	6.7	1,224	37.9	1,158	37.8
Criminal	1,424	1,420	1,223	1,279	1,296	1,209	1,518	1,407	1,282	1,456	301	-236	-15.5	49	3.5	-142	-10.0	36	2.5
Small Claims	1,999	1,875	1,834	1,830	1,658	1,353	2,719	2,301	2,032	2,221	939	-687	-25.3	-80	-3.5	33	1.7	346	18.5
Civil	647	618	501	532	385	438	584	547	470	489	309	-114	-19.5	-58	-10.6	-177	-27.4	-129	-20.9
Juvenile	752	919	1,145	1,035	1,306	1,231	1,218	1,052	1,293	1,097	729	75	6.2	45	4.3	541	71.9	178	19.4
TOTAL	8,051	7,899	7,084	7,139	7,749	7,389	10,458	9,267	9,530	9,488	5,662	-928	-8.9	221	2.4	1,479	18.4	1,589	20.1
Southern																			
Traffic	1,196	1,277	1,058	1,035	1,076	1,005	1,233	1,241	1,310	1,259	537	77	6.2	18	1.5	114	9.5	-18	-1.4
Criminal	690	685	582	602	617	599	613	589	621	629	180	8	1.3	40	6.8	-69	-10.0	-56	-8.2
Small Claims	1,512	1,288	1,314	1,406	681	1,247	1,912	1,481	1,346	1,542	415	-566	-29.6	61	4.1	-166	-11.0	254	19.7
Civil	375	308	257	306	133	204	222	187	174	198	107	-48	-21.6	11	5.9	-201	-53.6	-110	-35.7
Juvenile	332	497	449	360	531	436	425	438	489	415	327	64	15.1	-23	-5.3	157	47.3	-82	-16.5
TOTAL	4,105	4,055	3,660	3,709	3,038	3,491	4,405	3,936	3,940	4,043	1,566	-465	-10.6	107	2.7	-165	-4.0	-12	-0.3

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Northern																			
Traffic	2,033	1,790	1,323	1,428	2,028	1,653	3,186	2,719	3,143	2,966	2,847	-43	-1.3	247	9.1	1,110	54.6	1,176	65.7
Criminal	734	735	641	677	679	610	905	818	661	827	121	-244	-27.0	9	1.1	-73	-9.9	92	12.5
Small Claims	487	587	520	424	977	606	807	820	686	679	524	-121	-15.0	-141	-17.2	199	40.9	92	15.7
Civil	272	310	244	226	252	234	362	360	296	291	202	-66	-18.2	-69	-19.2	24	8.8	-19	-6.1
Juvenile	420	422	696	675	775	795	793	614	804	682	402	11	1.4	68	11.1	384	91.4	260	61.6
TOTAL	3,946	3,844	3,424	3,430	4,711	3,898	6,053	5,331	5,590	5,445	4,096	-463	-7.6	114	2.1	1,644	41.7	1,601	41.6
Tallapoosa																			
Traffic	2,917	2,987	3,141	2,758	3,811	3,590	4,372	3,874	3,396	3,809	594	-976	-22.3	-65	-1.7	479	16.4	822	27.5
Criminal	1,929	1,901	1,811	1,933	1,724	1,837	1,770	1,744	1,852	1,767	350	82	4.6	23	1.3	-77	-4.0	-134	-7.0
Small Claims	897	926	1,119	1,055	1,398	1,358	1,379	1,402	1,452	1,317	403	73	5.3	-85	-6.1	555	61.9	391	42.2
Civil	237	270	308	292	377	369	396	409	399	425	57	3	0.8	16	3.9	162	68.4	155	57.4
Juvenile	330	338	294	253	421	375	297	244	245	174	110	-52	-17.5	-70	-28.7	-85	-25.8	-164	-48.5
TOTAL	6,310	6,422	6,673	6,291	7,731	7,529	8,214	7,673	7,344	7,492	1,514	-870	-10.6	-181	-2.4	1,034	16.4	1,070	16.7
Dadeville																			
Traffic	1,936	2,016	1,925	1,834	1,928	1,884	2,434	2,193	1,844	2,012	199	-590	-24.2	-181	-8.3	-92	-4.8	-4	-0.2
Criminal	935	997	809	777	763	831	774	734	705	729	114	-69	-8.9	-5	-0.7	-230	-24.6	-268	-26.9
Small Claims	447	447	639	561	708	736	590	615	568	529	79	-22	-3.7	-86	-14.0	121	27.1	82	18.3
Civil	58	82	96	73	72	98	56	57	65	55	19	9	16.1	-2	-3.5	7	12.1	-27	-32.9
Juvenile	202	163	197	173	236	218	140	155	153	121	62	13	9.3	-34	-21.9	-49	-24.3	-42	-25.8
TOTAL	3,578	3,705	3,666	3,418	3,707	3,767	3,994	3,754	3,335	3,446	473	-659	-16.5	-308	-8.2	-243	-6.8	-259	-7.0

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Alexander City																			
Traffic	981	971	1,216	924	1,883	1,706	1,938	1,681	1,552	1,797	395	-386	-19.9	116	6.9	571	58.2	826	85.1
Criminal	994	904	1,002	1,156	961	1,006	996	1,010	1,147	1,038	236	151	15.2	28	2.8	153	15.4	134	14.8
Small Claims	450	479	480	494	690	622	789	787	884	788	324	95	12.0	1	0.1	434	96.4	309	64.5
Civil	179	188	212	219	305	271	340	352	334	370	38	-6	-1.8	18	5.1	155	86.6	182	96.8
Juvenile	128	175	97	80	185	157	157	89	92	53	48	-65	-41.4	-36	-40.4	-36	-28.1	-122	-69.7
TOTAL	2,732	2,717	3,007	2,873	4,024	3,762	4,220	3,919	4,009	4,046	1,041	-211	-5.0	127	3.2	1,277	46.7	1,329	48.9
Tuscaloosa																			
Traffic	10,012	9,906	8,728	8,860	7,931	7,373	9,651	9,879	9,415	9,348	2,148	-236	-2.4	-531	-5.4	-597	-6.0	-558	-5.6
Criminal	3,764	3,609	3,069	3,271	4,975	4,508	5,449	5,639	6,062	5,840	1,264	613	11.2	201	3.6	2,298	61.1	2,231	61.8
Small Claims	2,656	2,792	3,748	3,446	5,660	5,085	4,396	4,483	4,683	4,910	1,182	287	6.5	427	9.5	2,027	76.3	2,118	75.9
Civil	1,691	1,948	1,423	1,569	1,641	1,482	1,476	1,548	1,284	1,342	385	-192	-13.0	-206	-13.3	-407	-24.1	-606	-31.1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
TOTAL	18,123	18,255	16,968	17,146	20,207	18,448	20,972	21,549	21,444	21,440	4,979	472	2.3	-109	-0.5	3,321	18.3	3,185	17.4
Walker																			
Traffic	4,222	4,136	4,102	4,068	4,229	4,097	4,379	4,186	4,947	4,735	1,152	568	13.0	549	13.1	725	17.2	599	14.5
Criminal	1,355	1,346	1,489	1,447	1,690	1,729	1,450	1,388	1,554	1,478	487	104	7.2	90	6.5	199	14.7	132	9.8
Small Claims	912	963	964	830	1,130	1,304	1,322	1,195	1,348	1,251	359	26	2.0	56	4.7	436	47.8	288	29.9
Civil	422	510	356	322	402	416	440	391	422	500	99	-18	-4.1	109	27.9	0	0.0	-10	-2.0
Juvenile	306	209	295	200	240	171	243	131	224	150	756	-19	-7.8	19	14.5	-82	-26.8	-59	-28.2
TOTAL	7,217	7,164	7,206	6,867	7,691	7,717	7,834	7,291	8,495	8,114	2,853	661	8.4	823	11.3	1,278	17.7	950	13.3

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Washington																			
Traffic	1,135	1,161	1,379	1,224	2,213	1,803	2,116	1,668	1,692	1,609	127	-424	-20.0	-59	-3.5	557	49.1	448	38.6
Criminal	672	784	552	594	543	553	639	563	504	548	464	-135	-21.1	-15	-2.7	-168	-25.0	-236	-30.1
Small Claims	296	250	267	270	294	247	260	235	302	290	62	42	16.2	55	23.4	6	2.0	40	16.0
Civil	118	115	99	114	97	106	119	98	91	100	29	-28	-23.5	2	2.0	-27	-22.9	-15	-13.0
Juvenile	126	130	204	118	204	179	199	253	215	170	80	16	8.0	-83	-32.8	89	70.6	40	30.8
TOTAL	2,347	2,440	2,501	2,320	3,351	2,888	3,333	2,817	2,804	2,717	762	-529	-15.9	-100	-3.5	457	19.5	277	11.4
Wilcox																			
Traffic	1,811	1,779	1,923	1,812	2,441	2,139	2,151	2,051	2,016	1,976	391	-135	-6.3	-75	-3.7	205	11.3	197	11.1
Criminal	390	278	457	519	501	482	597	561	598	849	103	1	0.2	288	51.3	208	53.3	571	205.4
Small Claims	219	210	203	168	211	223	224	183	256	298	36	32	14.3	115	62.8	37	16.9	88	41.9
Civil	57	51	45	91	41	42	47	51	48	48	25	1	2.1	-3	-5.9	-9	-15.8	-3	-5.9
Juvenile	142	135	141	135	230	362	424	286	452	323	52	28	6.6	37	12.9	310	218.3	188	139.3
TOTAL	2,619	2,453	2,769	2,725	3,424	3,248	3,443	3,132	3,370	3,494	607	-73	-2.1	362	11.6	751	28.7	1,041	42.4
Winston																			
Traffic	1,359	1,513	937	995	738	699	1,303	1,077	1,497	1,460	5	194	14.9	383	35.6	138	10.2	-53	-3.5
Criminal	725	783	693	738	599	590	861	811	659	679	319	-202	-23.5	-132	-16.3	-66	-9.1	-104	-13.3
Small Claims	205	244	185	173	724	620	952	871	948	890	164	-4	-0.4	19	2.2	743	362.4	646	264.8
Civil	98	148	106	87	112	98	116	101	112	129	118	-4	-3.4	28	27.7	14	14.3	-19	-12.8
Juvenile	87	71	123	128	59	84	99	50	89	71	78	-10	-10.1	21	42.0	2	2.3	0	0.0
TOTAL	2,474	2,759	2,044	2,121	2,232	2,091	3,331	2,910	3,305	3,229	684	-26	-0.8	319	11.0	831	33.6	470	17.0

FIVE YEAR TRENDS IN DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS
FISCAL YEARS 1984—1988

	FY 1984		FY 1985		FY 1986		FY 1987		FY 1988		FY 1988	CHANGE FY 1987—FY 1988				CHANGE FY 1984—FY 1988			
	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	FILINGS	DISPOSITIONS	PENDING	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS		FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS	
												Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
State Totals																			
Traffic	214,386	210,831	211,123	206,911	236,628	219,604	266,652	250,622	250,547	248,046	65,204	-16,105	-6.0	-2,576	-1.0	36,161	16.9	37,215	17.7
Criminal	98,473	97,059	98,087	95,334	109,629	101,819	113,023	106,504	118,373	109,866	51,457	5,350	4.7	3,362	3.2	19,900	20.2	12,807	13.2
Small Claims	76,694	77,707	94,594	84,972	115,203	105,099	113,658	106,064	112,413	115,746	53,582	-1,245	-1.1	9,682	9.1	35,719	46.6	38,039	49.0
Civil	51,805	53,002	44,326	46,217	44,492	42,076	45,980	43,549	47,459	49,986	21,094	1,479	3.2	6,437	14.8	-4,346	-8.4	-3,016	-5.7
Juvenile	28,786	27,223	32,222	29,461	31,892	29,498	32,787	30,779	33,865	31,681	18,153	1,078	3.3	902	2.9	5,079	17.6	4,458	16.4
TOTAL	470,144	465,822	480,352	462,895	537,844	498,096	572,100	537,518	562,657	555,325	209,490	-9,443	-1.7	17,807	3.3	92,513	19.7	89,503	19.2

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